Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday March 18, 2019 held at 1st Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Dorsey, McNerney, Sullivan, Fletcher, Titcomb, Goldman, Hilario, Rosenberg

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mendes (minutes taker & Asst Town Administrator); Chief Ronald Madigan (Police Chief); Cheryl Herrick-Stella (Town Accountant); Michael McClung (Town Moderator); and Dina Maietta (resident and candidate for Selectman).

Called to order 7:00pm

Acting Chair Dorsey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and welcomed Chief Ronald Madigan, who proceeded to give a presentation of the Police Department's proposed budget. (copy of presentation is attached). There was much discussion amongst the committee members concerning the Chief's budget presentation regarding the high cost of public safety in Swampscott (37.5% higher than average of comparable communities) and such items as Overtime, cost savings resulting from retiring officers, among other items that constitute the Police Dept. budget.

After the presentation from the Police Chief the committee proceeded to vote for new officers of the Committee. Upon nomination it was voted to elect Acting Chair Tim Dorsey Chair of the Finance Committee. Also, upon nomination it was voted to elect Mary Ellen Fletcher Vice Chair.

There was some additional discussion among the committee members about the Police Department budget, specifically about the cost of overtime.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00 pm.