

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Approved 10/20/26

Saturday, Oct 3, 2026 @ 8:45 A.M.
Meeting prior to the Annual Town Meeting
Groton Dunstable Middle School PAC
344 Main St, Groton, MA 01450

Present for the Finance Committee Bud Robertson, Vice Chair; Scott Whitefield; Nancy Muller; David Manugian, Chair; Kristina Lengyel; Gary Green

Also Present: Patricia Dufresne, Assistant Finance Director

Absent: Jamie MacDonald

8:45 A.M. Mr. Manugian called the FinCom meeting to order

Mr. Manugian reviewed the agenda.

Discussion of Fall Town Meeting Articles – The Finance Committee members agreed not to change their previously voted positions on any of the town meeting articles.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – No draft meeting minutes were available for review.

FY28 Budget Guidance – Mr. Manugian proposed holding a meeting in advance of 10/26/26 to give the FinCom a chance to develop their thoughts around the FY28 budget. Additionally, Mr. Robertson expects that the Town Manager will have preliminary budget numbers to share which will help guide that discussion. Mr. Green suggested that the Town Manager might be available to discuss the Fire Department Staffing Report at that meeting as well. Ms. Muller reminded the group that UMASS Memorial is hosting an informational meeting on 10/7/26 which may provide some insights. She is particularly interested in learning how UMASS is planning to interface with our own Town EMS.

After a brief discussion, the members chose to schedule a meeting on Tuesday 10/20/26 at 7 pm. They hope to have the Town Manager's preliminary budget numbers by that date and will use the meeting to prepare for the budget guidance discussion on 10/26/26. Mr. Manugian would like the group to take a position on whether or not the methodology behind the Fire Staffing Study was valid. They can then weigh this decision against the request for additional hiring. Mr. Green noted that the study confirmed what was already understood, but may not have provided additional necessary information.

The Finance Committee adjourned at 8:52 a.m. to join the annual town meeting starting at 9 a.m. in the auditorium.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Dufresne, Assistant Finance Director