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### Finance Committee ~ Prior to Town Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2023

**Date:** May 1, 2023

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Douglas High School - Room C102

**Address:** 33 Davis Street  
Douglas, MA 01516

Douglas Finance Committee Agenda

Douglas High School

Douglas MA

Room C 102

May 1, 2023

6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Discuss/review the ATM/STM warrant articles (possible votes and recommendations)
3. Set date for a June Fin Com meeting (June 13 or 27)
4. Reserve Fund transfers as needed

5. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting
6. Attend Annual Town Meeting/Special Town Meeting
7. Adjournment after the Annual Town Meeting



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APPROVED  
JUNE 27, 2023

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023  
DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL

Attendance: Chair Dick Vandenberg, Vice chair Sandy Kuipers, Carol Gogolinski, Lynne Mussulli, Ryan Hogan, Jeanne Lovett Finance Director

Absent: Howard D'Amico, Heather Morin, Mike Hutnak

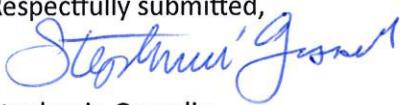
Chair Dick Vandenberg called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

1. (0:20 TS) (6:37 PM) Discuss / Review the ATM/STM warrant articles (Possible votes and recommendations)  
Mr. Hogan asked if there was any news on the gap in the school budget. Ms. Lovett stated that herself, the Town Administrator, Superintendent of Schools, and the School Business Manager have met a couple times to discuss the driving factors for the FY24 budget and Mr. Wojcik and Ms. Lovett would like them to in front of the Finance Committee for the June meeting to discuss where they are and the outcome of those meetings, and they will be looking to put an article on the fall town meeting but are not sure what that looks like yet. The unknowns right now are the state numbers and the new growth. The discussions seem to be positive so far, stated Ms. Lovett. Ms. Kuipers has a question about Mr. D'Amico's concerns about not voting yes for articles 1 – 3, and Mr. Vandenberg emailed him to get a better idea of his concerns, but he hasn't responded yet. Ms. Lovett stated that they expect to continue to meet to resolve this issue with the school and get it sorted out by the fall town meeting. Ms. Kuipers stated that she feels uncomfortable voting for the budget as it stands right now knowing the school budget is still outstanding. They expect to get the new growth number late summer.
2. (9:53 TS) (6:45 PM) Set date for a June Fin Com meeting  
The Committee decided on June 27, 2023.
3. (11:05 TS) (6:47 PM) Reserve Fund Transfers as needed  
Ms. Lovett requested that the Finance Committee stay in session should Article 1 of the special fails. They need to pay for the flyers they just sent out and the Finance Committee would not have enough to pay for that, and economic development wages will need transfers if it fails.

(12:00 TS) (6:48 PM) The committee dismissed to attend the town meeting and will reconvene after town meeting.

After the Annual Town Meeting was finished the Finance Committee met; there was no further action required. Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sandy Kuipers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lynne Mussulli. All members in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Stephenie Gosselin