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## Avon Finance Committee -Meeting Minutes March 5, 2018

**Members Attending:** 

Eric Beckerman, Jarrett Beeley, Mike Wilson, Jonathon Madore, Phil

Fowler, Gary Martin

Absent:

James Panagopoulos

Others Attending:

Steve Rose, Board of Selectmen, Kimberly Brown, Town Accountant,

Tracy Self

Eric opened the Finance Committee meeting at 6:58 P.M. welcoming everyone

> Old Business: Recap Prior meeting.

New Business- Eric stated that the BOS had recommended that the Library needs and the Building Commissioner's expenses should be higher.

Eric asked representative from BOS, Mr. Rose for his comments on the budget. Mr. Rose stated that the BOS have spent a lot of time reviewing the budget and the revenue side of budget has a deficient. The BOS went back to the school department for a lower increase. They looked to the School Committee to help with the school budget and they have level serviced and they will not change their budget. Eric stated that the BOS has only presented a draft budget to the Finance Committee and not a final budget. Eric stated that the by law has been broken. Mr. Rose stated it was a process.

Eric stated that the Finance Committee has asked for an individual department budget, and have not received to date. This makes it difficult for the Finance Committee to complete their recommendations and deadline to prepare the booklet for Town Meeting. Eric stated that free cash in the past has helped operational budget, Mr. Rose stated that he didn't want to use if all possible.

Discussions about how to have a balanced budget, Finance Committee will have to call back some departments to brainstorm a solution to a balance budget. Eric stated that the Finance Committee will ask to be put on the next BOS agenda.

- ➤ <u>Approve Minutes</u>- Phil made a motion, Gary seconded to approve minutes of February 5<sup>th</sup> 2018, unanimous vote in favor. Phil made a motion, seconded by Mike to approve minutes of February 22, 2018 unanimous vote in favor.
- > Approve Warrant-None
- Request For Transfer from the Reserve Fund None
- Request for Line Item Transfer None

- > Review Memos, Letters, notices and other correspondence and mail. Public Questions
- > The next Finance Committee meeting is March 12, 2018. Will plan to meet at Town Hall.
- Motion was made by Phil, seconded by Mike to adjourn Finance Committee Meeting, at 9:00 P.M. Unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Beckerman – Chairman Finance Committee