

**MINUTES**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting:** January 19, 2022

**Present:** Jerry Cerasale, Chair; Steve Cole, Vice-Chair; Mary Shaw, Clerk; Roy Merolli; George Deptula (5:03); Tom Gardner; Rick Knight; Peter Wade; Russ French (5:06); Jacqui Beebe, Town Administrator; Rich Bienvenue, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director.

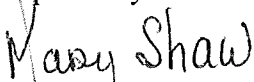
**Members Absent:** Rick Knight

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Jerry Cerasale called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. This is a remote meeting via Zoom.

- **Approval of Minutes**
  - Minutes of 12/8/2021 presented for approval.
    - Mary Shaw had one correction to change printed date of 12/6/21 to 12/8/21
    - Mary Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roy Merolli.
    - Roll call vote: 7-0-0
  - Minutes of 1/12/2022 presented for approval.
    - Mary Shaw made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Wade.
    - Roll call vote: 7-0-0
  - Minutes for joint Select Board Meeting presented.
    - Action deferred as minutes are covered under Select Board.
- **Discussion of Town Affordable Housing Plan**
  - Town Administrator, Jacqui Beebe presented the Community Housing Plan previously presented to the Community Preservation Committee and Select Board.
  - Discussion and questions by committee members throughout the presentation – no votes or actions taken.
- **New Business**
  - Jerry Cerasale discussed the budget schedule and keeping open dates available.
  - Peter Wade asked a question about the Select Board meeting on 1/24/2022 regarding the Residential Tax Exemption.
  - Peter Wade updated the Committee on the status of the High School Building project – construction documents are 60% complete and project reductions are being made as re-estimating is being done.
  - Next meeting date is 2/1/22 – forward budget questions to Jerry Cerasale in advance of budget meetings so department heads can be prepared.
- **Adjourn** – Motion by Steve Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roy Merolli. Roll call vote 8-0-0, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary Shaw, Clerk

