

## TOWN OF WINCHENDON

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Finance Committee

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**Regular Meeting/Public Hearing**

Finance Committee Minutes

May 13, 2025 6:30PM

Town Hall 2nd Floor Auditorium

**Finance Committee Members Present:** Chair Thomas J Kane Jr, Vice-Chair Dr. Maureen Ward, Charles C. Corts, Diane Coulter, Doug Delay, Mike Giovannucci

**Absent:** Adam Gardner

**6:30PM:** Chair Thomas Kane Jr. called the Finance Committee meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and audio/video recording disclosure, hearing none.

**Town Election Results:** The Town meeting will be held at the Murdock High School Gymnasium. Please arrive early as there is limited chair seating, the overflow will be on the bleachers. There will be child care in the cafeteria.

Free cash will not be certified in time, therefore articles 3,4,5,6,7,10,17, & 24 will be passed over and pushed out to the fall town meeting.

Dr. M. Ward suggested to Bill McKinney to look into amending the language in the contaminated soil article, to make sure if there is a case where contaminated soil is in town, and needs to be transported out, it will be legal to do so.

**Fincom Town Annual Meeting Report:** T. Kane reviewed the draft Finance Committee presentation. The first part will be to give a presentation to the community to educate about town finances, such as where the revenues come from. There are three solutions that can help the town finances; increase revenues, cut services/departments/personnel, or a combination of those two. One correction in the report that Dr. M. Ward pointed out was to adjust health insurance from 16% to 12%.

**Minutes:** April 8, 2025 & April 14, 2025

Dr. Maureen Ward motioned to approve the April 8, 2025 minutes, 2nd by Mike Giovannucci.  
**Corts (Y) Coulter (Y) Delay (A) Giovannucci (Y) Ward (Y) Kane (Y) 5-0-1 Abstention**

Dr. Maureen Ward motioned to approve the April 14, 2025 minutes, 2nd by Charles C. Corts.  
**Corts (Y) Coulter (A) Delay (A) Giovannucci (Y) Ward (Y) Kane (Y) 4-0-2 Abstentions**

**YTD Reports:** The departments should be at about 75-80% expended for this time of year. The school department was at 71% and the town was at 82%. The revenues are still a work in progress. One point T. Kane mentioned bringing up to the school department was regarding the SPED Medicaid reimbursement. There are quite a few students with IEP's, around 33-36%, and the amount shown was quite low. There was some confusion on the Maybardy-French revenue, it was only reported at 32%. Mr. McKinney would have it available by the end of the week.

**Other Committees with Finance Representation:** None.

**Committee Member Comments:** Next month T. Kane wants to include a review of the bylaws and charter in the agenda.

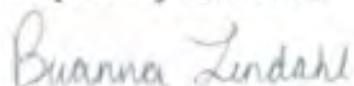
D. Coulter stated the Cheerleading championship celebration is Thursday at the High School field at 5:30PM. Dr. M. Ward reminded the public the town meeting is Monday at 7PM and the doors will open at 6PM.

M. Giovannucci suggested the town accountant attend the biweekly department meetings in order to inform the Finance Committee of the current events. He also suggested knowing when departments write off items such as permits, bills, etc, to know of missed revenues. T. Kane agreed it would be a good idea to be aware of certain transactions and negotiations to be able to ask questions and provide recommendations where applicable. Dr. M. Ward added contract negotiation conversations should be done before or during, not after. It was mentioned that the committee is advisory, and there is a fine line on micromanaging, but it is their job to be investigative for the town.

**Public Input:** None.

**Adjourn: 7:54PM-** Dr. Maureen Ward motioned to adjourn the Finance Committee, 2nd by Diane Coulter.  
**Corts (Y) Coulter (Y) Delay (Y) Giovannucci (Y) Ward (Y) Kane (Y) 6-0**

Respectfully submitted:



Brianna Lindahl, Finance Committee Recording Secretary

*Thomas Kane*  
Thomas Kane Jr., Chair

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Dr. Maureen Ward, Vice-Chair

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