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*FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 15, 2016
Swampscott, MA 01907*

Called to Order: *A meeting of the Swampscott Finance Committee was held at the Swampscott Town Hall, 22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, Mass at 7:00P.M.*

Attendance: *Chairman, Linso van der Burg, Vice Chair, Marzie Galazka and Members, Tim Dorsey, Joan Hilario, William Jones, Cinder McNerney, Jill Sullivan, and Polly Mary Titcomb.*

Also present was Resident Maryellen Fletcher, Chairman of the Board of Selectman, Naomi Dreeben, Thomas Younger, Town Administrator. Pam Angelakis, School Superintendent, Members of the School Committee and Evan Katz, School Business Manager.

Resident Maryellen Fletcher inquired about the year to date Actuaries.

Open Discussion / Town Budget:

The following items were openly discussed:

Budget Discussion

DPW Review

School Budget discussion:

- *Free Cash was discussed to be used for school maintenance.*
- *SPED tuition – Mr. Younger, Town Administrator stated that the amount of students set the base for Special Education.*
- *Salaries / Increases were spoken of.*
- *Grant money and grant person was discussed.*
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- *Facilities & Building fees.*
- *Member Dan Eccles asked for a cleaner explanation on the bug increases for the School Department.*
- *\$23, 000.00 being questioned on the school budget- Per Pam Angelakis, Superintendent spoke on some line items being shifted which will be rechecked.*
- *Selectman Dreeben asked if the School Department takes care of the special needs students to what age.*
- *Per Pam Angelakis- special education can change in a day.*
- *Member Linso van der Burg asked for a detail of current SPED now and for next year.*
- *Member Marzie Galazka asked if there are any other best practices used by other Towns for a School Budget plan.*
- *Member Jill Sullivan suggested tightening their belt at the School Department due to expense items that keep going up year after year.*
- *Organization chart was given out.*
- *Circuit Breaker sheet was given out.*
- *School Committee suggested they will be back at another time for another budget update. / Addition of a Library Teacher Specialist.*

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00P.M.

By Attest:

*Maureen Shultz,
Finance Secretary*