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*FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 29, 2015
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, Joan Hilario, William Jones, Cinder McNerney, Jill Sullivan, and Polly Mary Titcomb.

Chapter 70 Resolution / Suzanne Wright/ School Committee:

- The Finance Committee discussed the Chapter 70 Resolution as presented. Member Sullivan made a motion to approve and accept the Chapter 70 Resolution seconded by Member Galazka.*

Police Budget Open Discussion / Chief Madigan:

- Overtime will remain the same in 2016 as in the year 2015-reasons due to court appearances, minimum staffing and training.*
- Decreasing over time by hiring another office was discussed / Academy classes are only held twice a year.*
- NEMLIC was explained –program working out well.*
- Time line for replacing officers due to retirement was discussed.*

Fire Department Budget Open Discussion/ Chief Breen:

- Advocated to having all officers be trained as EMS so that in the future they could take over the Ambulance Services.*
- All officers are EMT trained so they can provide basic first aid care.*
- Ambulance service in Town takes about one person on average once hourly to the Hospital-Coverage is available during this time.*
- Current first engine line will need to be replaced in the next few years due to age.*
- Addition of another bay to the side of the Firehouse to the garage for a new ladder truck within the next ten years.*
- Previous Fire Boat purchase was a good purchase- launched 9 times for emergency calls. Low riding trailer has enabled the Fire Department to launch in all cases.*

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Member Galazka and Member Mary Polly Sitcom at 9:00P.M.

By Attest:

*Maureen Shultz,
Finance Secretary*