

Finance Committee Appointing Committee

Minutes

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Finance Committee Chairman John F. Doherty, III called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Lilia Maselli, Board of Selectmen Chairman, and Jonathan Eaton, Town Moderator. Also present was Kerry Colburn-Dion, Assistant Town Manager, Scott Neville, Candidate for Approval, Joseph Lavino, Candidate for Approval. David Tamang, Candidate for Approval was not in attendance.

Mr. Doherty announced that the first order of business was to review minutes of the Finance Committee Appointing Committee February 10, 2021 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. Doherty and by unanimous verbal roll call it was:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Appointing Committee meeting held February 10, 2021 and all actions are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Mr. Doherty begins by stating that there are three (3) vacancies on the Finance Committee. Three members have decided not to continue their appointments due to various personal reasons. Mr. Doherty adds that Mr. Tamang was not able to attend the meeting due to illness and advised counsel that he had been interviewed at the February 10, 2021 Appointing Committee Meeting and we could review his introduction and background from the previous meeting.

Next Mr. Doherty invited the applicants in the audience to introduce themselves and offer comments about their background.

Scott Neville introduced himself as a Wilmington native who was able to move back to town in 2010 with his wife and three kids. Always interested in how the town works. He works as a Senior Accountant for a small company that owns mutual funds through private investments. Also does corporate accounting for one of their sub companies. He mentions his father and how he instilled an importance in volunteerism.

Joseph Lavino introduced himself also as a Wilmington native with two teenage daughters. He worked as a pharmacist until several years ago when he became a lawyer. He practices law for CVS Health as in house attorney. He goes on to discuss corporate budgeting and the advice that he would give to his employer. He says that he is anti-debt and does know how to ask the right questions when it comes to how and why people are spending money. He stated that, if appointed, he would not be a rubber stamp but also not an obstructionist.

Mr. Eaton asks the candidates what changes would you make to the town budget/budget process?

Mr. Lavino responds first by mentioning he watched every available Finance Committee meeting and read through all of the minutes. And one thing I appreciated was the questioning to anyone put forth in front of the committee their proposed expenditure. What I would change for me would be staying on topic or and because we are dealing with taxpayer money, it's about transparency. Understanding when people are coming before the committee, asking the tough questions to protect the tax payer dollar.

Mr. Neville starts by saying he watched the zoom meetings as well. As someone who is always looking at balance sheets I would like to see a longer history of the town budget going back further. If that is available in some way. What's gone up and down. What had been added over the years. To get a better idea of what we are spending money on.

Ms. Maselli asks the candidates are you prepared for the commitment? Especially come February when the budgets are being finalized.

Mr. Lavino responds first by saying, for me the short answer is yes. I know that sometimes work gets crazy but if you make a commitment you stick to it. This wouldn't be the only commitment I have. I am on the board of multiple 501C3's, one is called the SexyStrong Foundation. I am also a member of the Saint Rocco Society. Having these types of commitments is nothing new for me. I have zero concerns in that regard.

Mr. Neville responds; it won't be a problem for me. I am usually watching the meetings anyways.

Mr. Doherty adds that it is a commitment. We meet starting at the end of January when the Town Manager submits the town budget. Then we start to meet twice a week and have a public hearing and a town meeting. Also, next year there will be a special town meeting in February.

A motion was made by Mr. Eaton to appoint Joseph Lavino, David Tamang and Scott Neville to the Finance Committee for a term to expire in 2022.

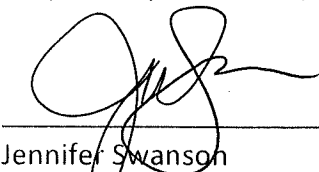
VOTED: To appoint all three candidates to the Finance Committee for a term to expire in 2022

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Eaton and by the affirmative vote of all, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee Appointing Committee adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Swanson
Recording Secretary