**Finance Committee Meeting**

**Town of Harwich**

**Community Center, 100 Oak Street, Harwich, MA**

**Thursday, September 13th, 2018**

**7:00 PM, Room #5**

**Members present: Dana DeCosta, Tom Sherry, Laurie Gillespie-Lee, Mark Ameres, Angelo LaMantia, Dan Tworek, Jon Chorey, Absent: Jack Brown, Bonnie Kenny. Also Present:** [**Charleen Greenhalgh**](https://connect.xfinity.com/appsuite/)**, Carol Coppola, Peggy Leary Gabour**

I: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by the chair.

II: Approval of previous minutes, (*minutes of July 12Th, 2018 meeting*). Motion to approve by Jon Chorey, seconded by Tom Sherry. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained.

III. No reserve fund transfer requests for this meeting.

IV: Finance Committee Workshop, led by Dana DeCosta.

The Finance Committee conducted a workshop for its’ members to review many topics. There were no votes taken during this workshop it was for discussion purposes only. The topics included:

A. History of Finance Committees and State Law

B. The Harwich Home Rule Charter

C. The recap sheet, tax levy, local receipts, free cash, and general Town finances

D. The Capital Plan, Debt schedule, overrides, vehicles, building maintenance

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The members would like to see “Fees” as a future workshop discussion point.

V: Legal Suit against Wechmere Harbor Club and Wequasett. It was requested that this be a future agenda item once more information is available on how this will affect the Town.

VI: Selectmen’s Budget message? It was decided to take no action at this time.

VII: Old business, new business, open session, (*Per the Attorney General’s Office: The Finance Committee may hold an open session for topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting following “New Business”*). None.

VIII: Adjourn, Motion Tom Sherry seconded by Jon Chorey passed 7 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Finance Committee Clerk Jon Chorey.