

Town of Bedford, MA
Finance Committee Appointing Authority
Thursday, June 23, 2022 • 5:00pm
Select Board Meeting Room, Bedford Town Hall

The Finance Committee Appointing Authority was called to order at 5:00pm. Members present: Steve Carluccio, Emily Mitchell, and Mark Siegenthaler.

Others present: Alison O'Connell, Mike Rosenberg, Steve Steele, Meredith Wasko.

Mr. Carluccio moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022, meeting as amended. Ms. Mitchell seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Carluccio moved to appoint Abbie Seibert and Meredith Wasko to the Finance Committee. There was no second; the motion failed.

Mr. Carluccio explained his reasoning for preferring new volunteers as Finance Committee members and spoke highly of Ms. Wasko's professional experience. He also noted his respect for Ms. Seibert's experience in Town government. He felt that Mr. Rowan did not express sufficient understanding of the role of Finance Committee in his interview.

Ms. Mitchell reiterated her preference that members of Finance Committee have experience in Town government, especially considering the longevity of the members who recently stepped down.

Mr. Siegenthaler concurred with Ms. Mitchell. He noted that all appointing authorities need to balance various priorities for membership; for him, it is most important for Finance Committee that we elevate people who have Town experience and understand how Town government functions.

Mr. Siegenthaler suggested the committee could either appoint one person tonight, or send word to the Volunteer Coordinating Committee to readvertise the opening for additional applicants.

Ms. Mitchell moved to appoint Abbie Seibert to the Finance Committee. Mr. Carluccio seconded. The motion failed 2-1-0.

The committee tentatively scheduled its next meeting for Thursday, August 4, at 6:00pm, pending availability of the Select Board meeting room.

Ms. Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carluccio seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:21pm.