

**Needham Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of May 6, 2009**

The meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by the Chair, David Escalante, at 6:35 pm in the Conference Room at the Newman School.

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| Present from the Finance Committee: | David Escalante, Chair | Richard Reilly |
| | Lisa Zappala, Vice Chair | Steven Rosenstock |
| | Scott Brightman | Michael Taggart (arrived 7:05 pm) |
| | Richard Creem | Richard Zimbone |

Also Present: David Davison, Assistant Town Manager – Finance Director
Kate Fitzpatrick, Town Manager
Marianne Cooley, School Committee member
Anne Gulati, School Department Finance Director

There were no public comments.

Discussion re. Newman Repairs Project: The request for services (RFS) for the Newman Repairs schematics has been issued by the Permanent Public Building Committee. Page 3 of the RFS has a bulleted list with the items that are to be included in the schematic design. Mr. Rosenstock stated that the RFS cannot be changed at this time. There was a discussion that there is insufficient information at this time to determine what may be included in a debt exclusion override. There was a discussion that the Finance Committee will discuss whether it will take a position on the override for the Newman repairs. There was discussion that the Finance Committee wants to be heard on the scope of the override.

Mr. Creem moved that the meeting of the Finance Committee be suspended to be reconvened as necessary during the course of Town Meeting. Mr. Brightman seconded the motion. The meeting of the Finance Committee was suspended by unanimous vote 8-0 at approximately 7:05 pm.

Mr. Zimbone moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:50 pm, seconded by Mr. Escalante. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote: 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Miller
Executive Secretary