

Acton FinCom 4/4/05 – Meeting Prior to Annual Town Meeting

Members Present: Jonathan Chinitz, Pat Clifford, Pat Easterly, Bob Evans, Gim Hom, Herman Kabakoff, Rheta Roeber, John Ryder, David Stone

FinCom voted to recommend approval of the Minuteman Assessment.

FinCom reviewed Jonathan Chinitz's slides for presentation tonight.

Herman Kabakoff noted that Article 11 will be pulled from the consent agenda. This article routinely allows the Selectmen to dispose of properties taken for taxes. Terra Friedrichs is against a planned sale of a property at Willow and Central for development by ACHC into affordable housing. FinCom agreed that it would continue to support Article 11, as it had voted previously.

Allen Nitschelm presented his proposed resolution encouraging the Selectmen and School Committee to put an amount for capital repairs and maintenance into their budgets.

Several members expressed concern with specifying the dollar amount in a resolution.

Jonathan said the Schools have about 0.7% of capital in their budgets; the municipal budget has 7%.

The Finance Committee voted 7:2 not to support the resolution.

Dr. Evans wrote an alternative resolution, without a specific number, which the Committee voted unanimously to approve.