

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023
7:30 PM

Present: Christi Andersen (Chair), Jason Cole (Vice Chair), Steve Noone, Roland Bourdon, Dave Wellinghoff, Adam Nolde, and Christine Russell

Ms. Andersen called the meeting to order.

1. Citizen's Concerns

None

Finance Committee members expressed their appreciation and thanked the Town for their response to the Microburst.

2. Curbside Collection

Ellie Anderson, Finance Solutions Analyst and Corey York, DPW Director gave a presentation about the feasibility and cost of curbside collections in Acton. Key takeaways included that less than ½ the Town uses the Transfer Station, the possibility of reducing overall trash collected and finding a balance between full curbside and hybrid curbside and transfer station. Preliminary costs were presented. Ms. Anderson and Mr. York asked for feedback regarding the presentation and thoughts on proceeding with a public engagement.

Questions and comments were made regarding:

- Noise and traffic
- Environmental impacts
- What about bulk items and yard waste
- Impact on DPW building
- Would the Town operate or contract out
- Percent and revenues from recycling
- Would bags still be used

Members were given a quick survey regarding their use of the Transfer Station

3. ALG Discussion

Ms. Andersen and Mr. Cole provided an overview of the last ALG meeting:

- New draft ALG plan
- Many new faces
- The Town Manager reported that free cash would be replenished
- The Superintendent reported that E&D would be going down
- The Superintendent reported on the vacancy factor double booking
- Going forward meetings will be hybrid Monday mornings at 7:30 am

4. POV

Ms. Russell presented the POV, updated from prior meeting comments and the most current numbers available. Formatting and content decisions were made and a few slides are still waiting on figures to be updated. Two presentations will be created, 1 to be shared with the Select Board and 1 for general public use. Mr. Martin made a correction and some comments.

5. Finance Committee Business

Members gave their liaison reports.

Next Meeting is September 26, 2023

Mr. Sullivan moved to adjourn. Mr. Cole seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

Curbside Collection Presentation

Point of View (POV)