

**BY-LAW FOR ADVISORY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Adopted March 14, 1932**

**(includes amendments: 3/11/46; 3/14/55; 3/8/65; 3/10/69; 3/12/73; 5/17/96; 5/19/80;  
5/18/87; 5/16/94; 5/20/96; 3/24/97 and 5/21/2001)**

Section I. There shall be appointed under the provisions of Section 16 of Chapter 39 of the General Laws, an advisory and finance committee for the town which shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the Town and which shall perform the duties set forth in the following sections of this article according to the provisions thereof. Said committee shall consist of nine taxpayers of the Town, and no one of whom shall hold an elective town office or shall be a compensated employee of the Town working in excess of 10 hours per week, and the compensation of whom shall be \$350.00 per annum for each member and the Chairman and Secretary shall each receive additional compensation of \$100.00 per annum.

Section II. The moderator elected at the annual town meeting next prior to the taking effect of this by-law shall appoint three members of the community to serve until the close of the next annual town business meeting, three to serve until the close of the town business meeting in 1934, and three to serve until the close of the town business meeting in 1935, and hereafter the moderator elected at the annual meeting of the election of officers, shall before the close of the annual town business meeting, appoint three members to serve on said committee for a term of three years. Whenever any vacancy shall occur in said committee during a member's term- by resignation, removal from town, death or otherwise - said vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by said Town Moderator. Said committee shall choose its own officers and shall have a chairman and a secretary.

Section III. The selectmen shall submit to the annual town business meeting a budget or estimate of expenses for the various town departments for the financial year; and on or before the tenth day of February of each year shall submit a copy of the same to the advisory and finance committee, and after drawing a warrant for the annual town business meeting or any special town meeting containing articles of the type herein later referred to, shall submit a copy of same to said committee seven days at least before the meeting called by such warrant, in each case by delivering said budget or such warrant or causing them to be delivered either to the chairman or secretary of said committee or in case of their absence from the town, to any member of said committee.

Said committee shall consider this budget and also all articles in the warrant for the annual or any special town meeting, under which articles an appropriation of expenditures of money or the sale or disposal of any property of the town may be made, and shall report in print, writing or otherwise their report or recommendations relative thereto, to the town meeting which is to consider said budget or articles.

Section IV. It shall be the duty of said advisory and finance committee to make an annual report of its doings to be printed with the annual report of the town officers.

A true copy attest;

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Dolores Berge, Town Clerk

**MARCH 11, 1946**  
**AMENDMENT ADOPTED TO SECTION I.**

There shall be appointed under the provisions of Section 16, of Chapter 39 of the General Laws an advisory and finance committee for the Town which shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the Town and which shall perform the duties set forth in the following sections of this articles according to the provisions thereof. Said committee shall consist of nine taxpayers of the town, three from each precincts, no one of whom shall be a person holding an elective or appointive town office, and the compensation of whom shall be \$50 per annum for each member.

Amendment was passed by unanimous vote.

**MARCH 14, 1955**  
**AMENDMENT ADOPTED TO SECTION I.**

There shall be appointed under the provisions of Section 16, of Chapter 39 of the General Laws an Advisory and Finance Committee for the Town, which shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations for the Town and which shall perform the duties set forth in the following sections of this article according to the provisions thereof. Said committee shall consist of nine taxpayers of the town, one at least from each precinct, no one of whom shall be a person holding an elective or appointive town office, and the compensation of whom shall be \$50 per annum for each member.

Amendment was passed by unanimous vote.

**MARCH 8, 1965**  
**AMENDMENT ADOPTED TO SECTION 1**

There shall be appointed under the provisions of Section 16, of Chapter 39 of the General Laws an Advisory and Finance Committee for the Town, which shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations for the Town and which shall perform the duties set forth in the following sections of this article according to the provisions thereof. Said committee shall consist of nine taxpayers of the town, one at least from each precinct, no one of whom shall be a person holding an elective or appointive town office, and the compensation of whom shall be \$100.00 per annum for each member.

Amendment was passed.

**MARCH 10, 1969**  
**AMENDMENT ADOPTED TO SECTION 1**

There shall be appointed under the provisions of Section 16, of Chapter 39 of the General Laws an Advisory and Finance Committee for the Town, which shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the Town and which shall perform the duties set forth in the following sections of this article according to the provisions thereof. Said committee shall consist of nine taxpayers of the town, one at least from each precinct, no one of whom shall be a person holding an elective or appointive town office, and the compensation of whom shall be \$125.00 per annum for each member.

Amendment was passed by unanimous vote.

**MARCH 12, 1973**  
**AMENDMENT ADOPTED TO SECTION 1**

There shall be appointed under the provisions of Section 16, of Chapter 39 of the General Laws an Advisory and Finance Committee for the Town, which shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the Town and which shall perform the duties set forth in the following sections of this article according to the provisions thereof. Said committee shall consist of nine taxpayers of the town, one at least from each precinct, no one of whom shall be a person holding an elective or appointive town office, and the compensation of whom shall be \$175.00 per annum for each member.

Amendment was passed by unanimous vote.

**MAY 17, 1976**  
**AMENDMENT ADOPTED TO SECTION 1**

There shall be appointed under the provisions of Section 16, of Chapter 39 of the General Laws an Advisory and Finance Committee for the Town, which shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the Town and which shall perform the duties set forth in the following sections of this article according to the provisions thereof. Said committee shall consist of nine taxpayers of the town, one at least from each precinct, no one of whom shall be a person holding an elective or appointive town office, and the compensation of whom shall be \$225.00 per annum for each member.

Amendment was passed by unanimous vote.

**MAY 19, 1980**

**AMENDMENT ADOPTED TO SECTION 1**

There shall be appointed under the provisions of Section 16, of Chapter 39 of the General Laws an Advisory and Finance Committee for the Town, which shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the Town and which shall perform the duties set forth in the following sections of this article according to the provisions thereof. Said committee shall consist of nine taxpayers of the town, one at least from each precinct, no one of whom shall be a person holding an elective or appointive town office, and the compensation of whom shall be \$250.00 per annum for each member.

Amendment passed by unanimous vote.

**MAY 18, 1987**

**AMENDMENT ADOPTED TO SECTION 1**

There shall be appointed under the provisions of Section 16, of Chapter 39 of the General Laws an Advisory and Finance Committee for the Town, which shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations for the Town and which shall perform the duties set forth in the following sections of this article according to the provisions thereof. Said committee shall consist of nine taxpayers of the town, one at least from each precinct, no one of whom shall be a person holding an elective or appointive town office, and the compensation of whom shall be \$300.00 per annum for each member.

Amendment passed by nearly unanimous vote.

**MAY 20, 1996**

**AMENDMENT ADOPTED TO SECTION 1**

There shall be appointed under the provisions of Section 16, of Chapter 39 of the General Laws an Advisory and Finance Committee for the Town, which shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations for the Town and which shall perform the duties set forth in the following sections of this article according to the provisions thereof. Said committee shall consist of nine taxpayers of the town, one at least from each precinct, no one of whom shall be a person holding an elective or appointive town office, and the compensation of whom shall be \$350 per annum for each member.

Amendment passed by nearly unanimous vote.

**MARCH 24, 1997**  
**AMENDMENT ADOPTED TO SECTION II**

By deleting the words “by a majority vote of the committee” and substituting therefor the words “by said Town Moderator”, so that said sentence will provide as follows:

Whenever any vacancy shall occur in said committee during a member’s term—by resignation, removal from town, death or otherwise—said vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by said Town Moderator.

**March 24, 1997**  
**AMENDMENT ADOPTED – Section I**

By deleting the words “no one of whom shall be a person holding elective or appointive town office” and substituting therefor the words “no one of whom shall hold elective town office or shall be a compensated employee of the Town working in excess of 10 hours per week”, so that said sentence will provide in pertinent part as follows:

Said committee shall consist of nine taxpayers of the Town, no one of whom shall hold elective town office or shall be a compensated employee of the Town working in excess of 10 hours per week.

**May 21, 2001**  
**AMENDMENT ADOPTED – Section 1**

By adding to the last sentence of Section 1 the words “and the Chairman and Secretary shall each receive additional compensation of \$100.00 per annum.

Amendment passed by unanimous vote.