

**Finance Committee  
Minutes of April 4, 2016  
FINAL**

The Finance Committee met Monday evening on April 4, 2016, at the Concord Carlisle Regional High School Art Room, Concord, Massachusetts. Notice of the meeting was duly filed with the Town Clerk, Town of Concord, Massachusetts.

Members present: Terri Ackerman, Richard Giles, Richard Jamison, Linda Miller, Pat Nelson, Karle Packard, Wendy Rovelli, Scott Randall, June Rzepczynski, Phil Swain, and Tom Tarpey

Members absent: Daniel Cassidy, Mark Garvey, Paul McGinn, and Triveni Upadhyay.

Also present: Scott Richardson, Petitioner; Tony Logalbo, Finance Director; and Janet Rothrock, Recorder.

Chairman Giles called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and noted that the meeting was not being recorded or broadcast.

1. Annual Town Meeting:

Consideration of Article 45 and Article 8 revised motion

Mr. Giles said that the purpose of the meeting was to take a position on two articles: Article 45, By Petition – Bylaw Prohibiting Polystyrene in Food Service Ware, and Article 8, Home Rule Petition to Establish a Concord Senior Means-Tested Property Tax Exemption.

Article 45 was discussed first. The start date of the bylaw has been moved to July 1, 2017 and the restriction on selling polystyrene (PS) food service ware has been relaxed so that PS ware can be sold if non-PS ware is also available for sale. Crosby's Market is now in favor of the article because they can continue to sell PS food service ware and because they found an alternative to PS foam meat trays at a moderate cost increase.

The Town Manager instead of the Board of Health is now the enforcement agent.

Schools – the high school uses no PS food service ware and the K-8 schools may increase their budgets by \$10,000 to comply with the bylaw.

The Council on Aging's weekly luncheons and the Recreation Department's summer events will need modification to comply with the bylaw,

There was discussion of the time needed for enforcement, whether it would tail off over time, and whether volunteer efforts and the extended time until enforcement would be sufficient to greatly decrease the need for enforcement.

There was discussion of the costs for enforcement if a part time employee is needed, and if trash volume decreases. As stated by the Petitioner, recycling costs \$30/ton while disposal costs \$79/ton.

Bio-degradable food service ware is better than PS food service ware because it doesn't leach styrene into food, and doesn't use fossil fuel to make.

There was no vote taken.

Article 8 was not discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karle Packard, Clerk