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**TOWN OF
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Finance Committee

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**Minutes of the Brookline Finance Committee Meeting
April 9th, 2019**

Present: Linda Chomiak Brian Rater Steve Russo

The meeting began at 7:15PM

Election of Officers:

Linda motioned to elect Brian as Chair; Steve seconded; approved unanimously.
Linda motioned to elect Steve as Secretary; Brian seconded; approved unanimously.

Public Input: None

Minutes:

Linda motioned to accept the minutes of the March meeting; Brian seconded; voted unanimously.

New Business:

ETHICS POLICY: The members of the committee reviewed the Town's Ethics Policy. Linda motioned to accept them; Steve seconded; voted unanimously.

FY2019 GOALS:

Linda summarized the accomplishments of the Committee in recent years, as the Committee worked to make the School Board, Select Board, and Town departments more accountable. Goals for the coming year:

1. To work more closely with the Brookline School Board and the Select Board. In order to continue working to make them more accountable. Brian will work to get a better understanding of the classes offered and class size.
2. Linda will research towns which currently or in the past charged families an education tax.
3. Steve will ask the Economic Development Committee to consider proposing a mixed use district in the town.
4. The Committee as a whole will work to support Town initiatives from a financial perspective.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR FY2019:

Brookline School Board - Brian
Economic Development - Steve
SAU Budget Committee – Brian
Select Board Meetings – All Committee members

ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS

Brian reported that about 22 residents have applied for the exemption this year. Applications are due by 4/15. Steve reported that about 300 residents qualify by age and assets. Brian would like to publicize

the availability of the exemption more. Steve thought the 11-page application might deter people from applying. Brian will check on what the state laws are concerning the application process.

OTHER:

The DPW Department has found a used truck for the department for a lot less than was anticipated.

Brian will contact the Brookline School Board and the Select Board about the need to keep the Committee informed of all financial issues.

ADJURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

NEXT MEETING: May 14th at 7PM.

Submitted by:

Steve Russo, Secretary