



**TOWN OF
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Finance Committee

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*Minutes
October 19, 2019*

Meeting was called to order.

Selection of Committee Secretary

Dana made a motion to nominate Graham, 2nd by Brian, Vote was unanimous.

No Public input was received.

Contact information (nonpublic information) was passed between the members of the Finance Committee

Representation on other Committees

- Dana will attempt to attend the Public Works Building Committee*
- Graham will attempt to visit the Brookline School Board on October 22nd*

Action items from previous meetings

None

Reports from other committee

None

Meeting location and time

The new finance committee will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm, location will be announced prior to meeting date.

Meeting Minutes from August 13th meeting, approved by single vote of Brian as he was the only attendee of that meeting.

Brian explained the role the committee plays in the town and school district budget process.

Goal ideas for the committee

Relief to taxpayers with providing needed services to town

Action items

- *Exemptions for Vulnerable populations*
 - *Elderly exemptions*
 - *Pro*
 - *Relieve tax burden for elderly and longtime residents*
 - *Allows school populations to be low*
 - *Con*
 - *Raises other taxes*
 - *Stated that an effort should be made to educate the public about these exemptions*
 - *Could a mailer be made or an insert be placed into tax bills?*
 - *Volunteer for helping out eligible residents complete applications*
- *What do taxes buy for the town?*

Reports from other committees

- *Local school board is pending*
- *SAU 41 budget committee has met*
 - *The district wants to add a Facility Director*
 - *The current network administrator will be retiring, his replacement is expected to be more expensive*

Graham made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 PM which was seconded by Dana. Passed by Unanimous vote.