

Lunenburg Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Bilotta Meeting Room
Lunenburg Town Hall
February 12, 2026

Present Members: Chair Chris Menard, Vice Chair Jean Russell, Committee Member Tanya Dall, Committee Member Ana Lockwood, Committee Member Mike Rupp, Committee Member Jay Simeone

Absent Member: Clerk Tom Gray

1. Call to Order

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Announcements

There were no announcements.

4. Public Comment

Ana Lockwood shared the data she collected regarding the overall school budget. The documents were also uploaded to the Sharepoint file.

5. Town Manager & Finance Director Reports

There were no reports from the Town Manager or the Finance Director.

6. Current Business

a. Preliminary Budget

Jennifer Warren-Dyment stated there are 3 active bargaining's ongoing including Fire, DPW and the clerical union.

The town received the actual health insurance number totaling 8.85%. A cause for the unexpected reduction was the elimination of GLP-1 drug. There will be a more detailed presentation soon.

There have been additional changes in the schedule for budget presentations. Ana Lockwood requested the preliminary budget presentations be provided to the Committee in advance. Jennifer Warren-Dyment has requested the department heads provide a level sever budget and provide an explanation for any line item above the level service request. Chris Menard requested an above level service and a restorative service budget.

b. Discussions on potential FY27 Prop 2 ½ Override

The Committee questioned if separate overrides would be needed depending on the departments.

Chris Menard indicates that even if a level service budget override is implemented this year, an additional level service override may be required the following year.

Chris Menard has indicated that he may not be able to include the full finance committee report with the mailed warrants. In such circumstances, a QR code will be provided to direct residents to a concise summary of the report.

c. TriBoard discussions (Prior and Upcoming)

There were no comments, questions or concerns raised.

7. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

8. Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2026, by Ana Lockwood, seconded by Chris Menard. Roll call vote. Jean Russell aye, Mike Rupp aye, Ana Lockwood aye, Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone aye, Chris Menard aye.

9. Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

10. Actions and Topics for Future Meetings

There were no additional actions or topics suggested to add to future meetings.

11. Important Dates & Upcoming Meetings

a. Finance Committee – February 19, 26

b. Tri-Board - TBA

12. Public Comment

Ana Lockwood shared that she watched the Capital Planning Committee meeting and stated there was discussion about replacing the turf field. This was not a ranked project and not part of the school request.

13. Adjourn

There was a motion to adjourn by Ana Lockwood, seconded by Tanya Dall. Roll call vote. Jean Russell aye, Mike Rupp aye, Ana Lockwood aye, Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone aye, Chris Menard aye.

The meeting closed at 7:43 PM.