

Lunenburg Finance Committee
Zoom Meeting
April 6, 2026

Present Members: Chair Chris Menard, Vice Chair Jean Russell, Clerk Tom Gray, Committee Member Jay Simeone, Committee Member Tanya Dall, Committee Member Ana Lockwood

Absent Member: Committee Member Mike Rupp

1. Call to Order

The meeting started at 7:04 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Announcements

There were no announcements.

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. Town Manager & Finance Director Reports

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

6. Current Business

a. Votes on Articles

There was a motion that the Finance Committee recommends approval of Articles B, C, D, E, F, J, K, M, N, O, P, Q, Y, Z, ZZ by Chris Menard, seconded by Jean Russell. Roll Call Vote: Ana Lockwood aye, Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone aye, Tom Gray aye, Jean Russell aye, Chris Menard aye. The Finance Committee recommends approval 6-0.

There was a motion that the Finance Committee find no financial impact on Articles A, HH, V by Chris Menard, seconded by Jean Russell. Roll Call Vote: Ana Lockwood aye, Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone aye, Tom Gray aye, Jean Russell aye, Chris Menard aye. The Finance Committee found no financial impact and the vote was 6-0.

Article L. FY 2027 Omnibus Budget

Ana Lockwood questions why the Fire Department is adding an additional employee per shift. Similar towns such as Groton only have 2 firefighters per shift. Additionally, Ana Lockwood disagrees with adding the Assistant Town Manager position and believes there needs to be a job description.

There was a motion that the Finance Committee recommends approval of Article L by Chris Menard, seconded by Jean Russell. Roll Call Vote: Ana Lockwood nay, Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone abstain, Tom Gray aye, Jean Russell aye, Chris Menard aye. The Finance Committee recommends approval 4-1-1.

Article M. FY 2027 Proposition 2 ½ Override Budgets

Ana Lockwood believes the Committee should have been offered an option to vote for a level budget.

Tier 1 vote

There was a motion that the Finance Committee recommends approval of the Tier 1 override totaling 2.4 million by Chris Menard, seconded by Jean Russell. Roll Call Vote: Ana Lockwood nay, Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone nay, Tom Gray aye, Jean Russell aye, Chris Menard aye. The Finance Committee recommends approval 4-2.

Tier 2 vote

There was a motion that the Finance Committee recommends approval of the Tier 2 override totaling 3.3 million by Chris Menard, seconded by Jean Russell. Roll Call Vote: Ana Lockwood nay, Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone nay, Tom Gray aye, Jean Russell aye, Chris Menard aye. The Finance Committee recommends approval 4-2.

Article X. PEG Enterprise Fund

There was a motion that the Finance Committee recommends approval of Article X by Chris Menard, seconded by Jean Russell. Roll Call Vote: Ana Lockwood aye, Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone aye, Tom Gray aye, Jean Russell aye, Chris Menard aye. The Finance Committee recommends approval 6-0.

Article EE. Amendment to Salary Administrative Plan

Ana Lockwood states it's irresponsible that there is no outline for the 2 proposed positions.

There was a motion that the Finance Committee recommends approval of Article EE by Chris Menard, seconded by Jean Russell. Roll Call Vote: Ana Lockwood nay, Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone nay, Tom Gray aye, Jean Russell aye, Chris Menard aye. The Finance Committee recommends approval 4-2.

Article GG. Notice of Town Meeting

There was a motion that the Finance Committee recommends approval of Article GG by Chris Menard, seconded by Jean Russell. Roll Call Vote: Ana Lockwood nay,

Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone nay, Tom Gray aye, Jean Russell aye, Chris Menard aye.
The Finance Committee recommends approval 4-2.

Article Q. General Purpose Stabilization Fund Transfer

There was a motion that the Finance Committee recommends approval of Article Q by Chris Menard, seconded by Jean Russell. Roll Call Vote: Ana Lockwood aye, Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone nay, Tom Gray aye, Jean Russell aye, Chris Menard aye.
The Finance Committee recommends approval 5-1.

Article QQ. Special Purpose Stabilization Fund Transfer

There was a motion that the Finance Committee recommends approval of Article QQ by Chris Menard, seconded by Jean Russell. Roll Call Vote: Ana Lockwood nay, Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone aye, Tom Gray aye, Jean Russell aye, Chris Menard aye.
The Finance Committee recommends approval 5-1.

b. Finance Committee Report

Chris Menard followed the same structure implemented last year with the exception of additional details.

Tom Gray recommends including a statement in the booklet advising readers to consult the Finance Committee report concerning Article M and the balanced budget.

There was a motion to approve the Lunenburg Finance Committee Annual Report for FY27 by Chris Menard, seconded by Jean Russell. Roll Call Vote: Ana Lockwood aye, Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone aye, Tom Gray aye, Jean Russell aye, Chris Menard aye.

7. Old Business

- a. FY27 Prop 2 ½ Override Discussions
- b. TriBoard discussions (Prior and Upcoming)
- c. Any other budgetary item related to Town Meeting

8. Minutes

There were no minutes to review.

9. Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

10. Actions and Topics for Future Meetings

Ana Lockwood requests quarterly updates from Karen Barrett and Chris McNamara.

Tom Gray wants to track updates on the Stormwater Task Force Utility.

Jean Russell recommends initiating budget discussions with department heads at the beginning of the fall season.

11. Important Dates & Upcoming Meetings

- a. Finance Committee – April 6 (if necessary –Zoom only)
- b. Finance Committee – April 23
- c. Town Meeting – May 2

12. Public Comment

Chris Menard thanks the Committee for their hard work during budget season.

13. Adjourn

There was a motion to adjourn by Jean Russell, seconded by Tom Gray. Roll Call
Vote: Ana Lockwood aye, Tanya Dall aye, Jay Simeone aye, Tom Gray aye, Jean
Russell aye, Chris Menard aye.

The meeting closed at 8:41 PM.