Financial Advisory Committee

April 18, 2024 7:42 PM

--Attending: Committee members Steve Young, Renee Fahey, Gary Fullerton,

 Claudette Towsend, Judy Weymouth; Absent: Jeffrey Carpenter

 Audience: Emil Braley, Laura Sullivan, Dennis Sullivan, Joyce Foley, Donna Sawyer

--Renee spoke to the need for better communications between the FAC & the Selectboard, referring to

 unexplained changes & omissions in this year’s Town Report, & Town Mtg Warrant.

--Claudette would like to see a standard format for department budgets, including revenues; ie,

 Parks & Recreation.

 We need a schedule for expected Town Mtgs & election days.

 Post the Town Report on the Town website.

--Emil, having served on both the Selectboard & the FAC in past years, gave an explanation

 of the process from previous years. He also would like to have the budget mtgs held

 separately from Capital Improvement mtgs.

--Joyce suggested that FAC should have more influence in the budgeting process, & FAC advice &

 recommendations should be taken more seriously. She also suggested having individual FAC

 members assigned to specific areas of study.

All of these helpful & useful suggestions & recommendations were taken under advisement as the FAC begins the task of organizing information for next year’s town budget.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM; workshop to follow immediately after.