

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Joint Meeting with the Finance Committee  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008, 10:00 am**

**JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM**

Vice Chairman Michele Couture convened the meeting at 10:00 am noting the following Board of Selectmen attending: Michele Couture, Austin Knight, and Lynne Davies

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn, Asst. Town Manager David Gardner, Municipal Finance Director Alix Heilala, DPW Director David Guertin.

Fincom members in attendance: Chair Gary Delius, Vice Chair Ruth Gilbert, Robert Vetrick, Virginia Ross, Thomas Thurston, Walt Winnowski, Edward Gage (joined at 12:57), Thomas Coen, David Bedard, Alice Foley, Alternate, Frederic Biddle, Alternate

The following are meeting minutes, in brief:

**Presentations by Mark Abrahams, Consultant**, on the audit of the Waste Water Enterprise Fund and the School budget requirements from DOE.

**FY09 Schools Spending Requirements from DOE**

Mr. Abrahams presented the FY09 Required Net School Spending (RNSS) for Provincetown as calculated by the Massachusetts Department of Education (DOE). Key points raised during the presentation are as follows:

- The DOE changed the formula for calculating RNSS in FY06 resulting in a dramatic drop in Provincetown's RNSS.
- Provincetown's actual school spending is 109% of the State requirement; statewide, the average is 14% above.

Lengthy discussion ensued about possible ways to close the multi-million dollar gap between the State's RNSS and our actual spending. No firm conclusions were reached.

The joint meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

The Fincom meeting reconvened at 12:57 pm without a Board of Selectmen quorum.

Minutes by Thomas Coen, Finance Committee

Submitted for approval to Board of Selectmen by Vernon Porter

May 5, 2008