



# Town of Middlefield

## Finance Committee

01/16/24 Meeting

**In attendance:**

Adair Laurel-Cafarella  
Gita Jozsef  
Stephen Harris, Secretary  
Jonathan Freiermuth

**Also attending:**

Ken Murray  
Tamarin Laurel-Paine

**Quorum, call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm.

**Review minutes from previous meeting:**

Minutes from previous meeting on 01/02/24 were approved as written.

**2025 budget & ATM warrant:**

Reviewed Assessors' budget requests.

Reviewed other budget request updates including Board of Health, Library, Tax Collector and Treasurer.

**Any other business:**

Members would like to go back to ability to update minutes and financial pages on the town website.

Unclear as to costs of treasurer/accounting software updates.

Various expenses are being posted to wrong accounts with no documented authorization or paper trail.

The Finance Committee's oversight work is hampered by Selectboard's refusal to allow it to review the town's bank statements.

Town should receive its share of statewide 3% Uber & Lyft disbursement.

Annual town audit which the FC had opposed turned out to be inadequate, completely missing any of the accounting flaws uncovered by the FC.

**Next meeting:**

The next meeting will be on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen B. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.