**Town of Newbury**

 **Finance Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, 15 November 2022, 7:00 PM**

**Town Offices, 2nd Floor Meeting Room**

**Meeting Minutes**

Members present: **Erica Jacobsen (chair),** **Tom Howard, Joe Ali, Gene Case, Frank Visconti, Marshall Jespersen (vice chair) and Susan Noyes.**

In attendance: **John Lucey, Police Chief**

**Erica Jacobsen called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM, a quorum was established and the meeting participation.**

The Town Administrator was not at the meeting and therefore we had no report from her.

A motion was made by Tom Howard and seconded by Frank Visconti to approve the draft minutes of the meetings from the 12th of July, the 13th of September and the 4th of October. The vote was unanimous in favor of accepting the minutes as submitted.

Chief Lucey appeared before the board and presented a proposal to purchase a drone to aid in the policing of the shellfish flats, he is going to be the new shell fish warden after he retires as Police Chief. The Chief went into great detail as to how this would save money for the town and would be available for other tasks for our police and fire departments. The unit has a cost of $7,500.00, that amount to be transferred from the reserve fund to the Shellfish Constable Expenses which appropriation currently has a balance of $2,585.00

A motion was made by Tom Howard and seconded by Gene Case and passed unanimously.

In the opinion of the Chair we will not need a meeting in December. Our next scheduled meeting will be the 3rd of January 2023.

There being no other business before the committee a motion was made by Tom Howard and seconded Gene Case to adjourn at 7:28.