



Town of Orleans

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Memorandum

To: Jon Fuller, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

CC: Board of Selectmen

John Kelly, Town Administrator

Cathy Doane, Finance Director

Date: November 13, 2017

As confirmed in Town Administrator John Kelly's email message of November 8, 2017 (addressed to me and copied to you, the Board of Selectmen, Orleans Finance Director Cathy Doane, and Finance Committee Vice Chairman Roger Pearson), the Town of Orleans Home Rule Charter notes (in Section 8-1-6) that "it is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to independently examine and analyze the Town's financial affairs, including proposed budgets, the Capital Improvements Plan, and all other proposals which have a financial impact; and to inform the citizens of the Town of its findings and recommendations."

In fulfilling our stated responsibilities, and for more effective and efficient collaboration with our colleagues on the Board of Selectmen and with Town management, we would like to participate in joint meetings with the Board of Selectmen as they address the following topics:

- Exit conference with the independent auditors regarding the Town's FY'17 audit
- OPEB liability discussion, including results of current actuarial study and strategy(s) for funding OPEB liability going forward
- AECOM Financial Model - Alan McClennen noted at the 10/16/17 BOS meeting that "the financial model that the Finance Director is working on for wastewater should be on an upcoming agenda."

It would likely be a more effective use of Town resources to have joint meetings on these topics. Most likely joint meetings would also foster more thoughtful discussions - of greater value to the citizens of the Town - our voters and taxpayers.

Please call with any questions or suggestions.

On behalf of the Finance Committee,

Lynn Bruneau / Finance Committee Chair