



# Town of Sandisfield Finance Committee

There shall be a five (5) member Finance Committee consisting of registered voters or taxpayers of the Town of Sandisfield, no more than one of which may not be a registered voter, appointed by the Moderator of the Town for a term of three (3) years. Beginning in 1990 and continuing every third year thereafter, the Moderator shall appoint one (1) member of the Finance Committee.

The Town Administrator, or designee, shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member provided, however, that this person shall be seated and allowed to vote whenever the committee lacks a quorum. The Moderator shall fill all vacancies by appointing a registered voter or taxpayer to serve the un-expired term. The Moderator shall remove Finance Committee members for cause. The Moderator will submit in writing to the Board of Selectmen, recommendations for the removal of finance committee members from said committee. At a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen, said body will vote to accept/reject the Moderator's recommendation for removal of a finance committee member (Town of Sandisfield, General Bylaws).

## **Essential Duties & Responsibilities:**

The Finance Committee shall provide the Select Board with its comments and recommendations on the Town's budget in accordance with the Town's annual budget timeline. The Select Board shall vote on all appropriation requests with any modifications it deems necessary, and shall present a final budget to the Finance Committee, which shall vote on all appropriation requests and present its votes to the Town Meeting. Appropriation-related articles in the Town Meeting warrant shall include a statement describing the votes of the Select Board and the Finance Committee on each such article (e.g., Select Board voted approval 2-1; Finance Committee voted disapproval 4-1).

The Finance Committee shall otherwise have the duties prescribed by statute (M.G.L. 39, Sec. 16).