

Minutes  
Finance Committee  
March 11, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Jim Sullivan

Present by ZOOM Meeting: Dennis Hogan, Gerard Leeman, Brian Cusack, Dan Sherman, Joanne Reilly, Bill Boodry, Stefan Chase, Joe Bertrand, Tarae Howell, David Mastroianni, Doug Butler, Don Ravenelle, Evan Kenney and Jim Sullivan

Absent: Aimee Forsythe,

Also, in Attendance: Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio, Town Accountant Kevin Gill, DPW Director Joe Conway, DPW Business Manager Ann Waitt, Superintendent of Schools Doug Lyons, School Department Business Manager Christine Bufagna, School Committee Chair Aimee Purcell and School Committee Vice Chair Suzy Veilleux

- 1) Public Participation: None
- 2) Motion to approve minutes of the minutes for the February 12, 2021 School Sub-Committee meeting by Gerard Leeman Seconded by Brian Cusack and so voted.
- 3) Motion to approve Town Hall Sub-Committee Minutes of February 18, 2021 motion by Evan Kenney seconded by Tarae Howell and so voted.
- 4) Motion to approve School Sub-Committee Minutes of February 19, 2021 motion by Gerard Leeman seconded by Bill Boodry and so voted.
- 5) Motion to approve Finance Committee Minutes of February 25, 2021 motion by Dan Sherman seconded by Gerard Leeman and so voted.

- 6) The following FY2022 Budgets were presented:

Budget #29 – DPW Budget in the amount of \$7,356,335, Water Enterprise Budget in the Amount of \$6,277,749 and Sewer Enterprise Budget in the amount of 48,982,133 were presented, by DPW Director Joe Conway. Jim Sullivan on behalf of the DPW Budget subcommittee offered subcommittee comments.

Budget #42– Reserve Fund- Town Administrator Maio offered that the Town Council had increased the Reserve Fund FY 2022 Budget from \$300,000 to \$400,000 based upon feedback from the Finance Committee.

Budget #45– Retirement Budget in the amount of \$7,159,946 was presented by Town Accountant Kevin Gill.

7) DPW Articles

DPW Director Conway presented the FY2022 Refuse and Recycling Budget Article in the amount of \$2,199,441. This budget includes the implementation of a bulk item removal fee of \$20 per item. The Finance committee discussed the Budget Article at length.

- 8) Superintendent Doug Lyons and Business Manager Christine Bufagna presented the proposed School department Budget of \$45,703,200. The budget amount will be offset by expected Federal Funds due to the pandemic. The School Committee will hold its budget hearing on Thursday March 18, 2021. The Committee discussed the different scenarios faced due to the pandemic.

9) Committee Comments

Health Insurance Budget subcommittee to meet prior to the next full meeting on March 25, 2021.

Town Accountant Kevin Gill mentioned that the Finance Committee should expect Reserve Fund Transfer requests for the Legal, Workers Comp, General Insurance and Vocational School Budgets.

- 10) Motion to adjourn at 9:04 P.M by Don Ravenelle seconded by Dan Sherman and so voted.