

**Minutes
Town Hall Subcommittee
February 24, 2022, – 5:00PM
ZOOM**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 by Chair Evan Kenney

FinComm Member Present: Evan Kenney- Sub Committee Chair, Don Ravenelle – Sub Committee member, Tarae Howell Sub Committee member, Zachery Sletterink Sub Committee member

Town Hall Department Attendees Present: Stephen Maio, Kevin Gill, John Spinello, Anthony Chui, Candace Linehan, Laurel Gourville and Elaine Silva

1) No members of the Public were in attendance.

2) Town Hall budgets were reviewed with the following noteworthy comments:

I) Animal Inspector:

Budget is level funded from FY2022

II) Parking Clerk:

The budget is decreased by 168 over FY 2022.

III) Health and Human Services:

The Health and Human Services Department recommended increase is \$106,053 over FY2022 which represents a renewed focus on prevention, remediation and maintenance. These necessary services were certainly highlighted during the pandemic. These increased services include a Human Services Manager/ Chief Operating Officer a Community Services Manager a part time Assistant Public Health Nurse, Social Services Coordinator, and Health Inspector.

The positions will be funded by Tax Levy and ARPA funds. Members of the Board of Health commented on the importance of these positions and the direction of Public Health in Wakefield. The subcommittee questioned the large increase and discussed if a phased in approach would be advisable.

IV) General Insurance

a) The Increase over the 2022 Budget was \$36,141 due to extra coverage for Police at the shooting range as well as general market conditions.

V) Workers Compensation:

a) The increase over the 2022 Budget Was \$15,510. However, our experience rating is very good going forward.

3) Motion to adjourn at 5:49 by Tarae Howell seconded by Zachery Sletterink and so voted.