



TOWN COUNCIL | SCHOOL COMMITTEE | FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
October 21st, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.
Via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88411863507

Call to Order: Julie Smith-Galvin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Town Council Present: Julie Smith-Galvin, Chair; Mehreen N. Butt Vice-Chair; Jonathan P. Chines; Anne P. Danehy; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. and Ann Santos.

School Committee Present: Susan Veilleux, Chair; Thomas Markham, Vice-Chair; Michael Boudreau; Amy Wall; Amy Leeman; Kevin Piskadlo; Stephen Ingalls.

Finance Committee Present: James Sullivan, Chair; Douglas Butler, Vice-Chair; Joseph Bertrand; William Boodry; Stefan Chase; Aimee Forsythe; Dennis Hogan; Donald Ravenelle; Daniel Sherman; Tarae Howell; David Mastroianni.

Finance Committee Absent: Brian Cusack and Evan Kenney.

Administration Present: Town Council: Sherri A. Dalton, Town Council Clerk and Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator.

School Committee: Doug Lyons, Superintendent of Schools; Kara Mauro, Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Christine Bufagna, Business Manager.

Public Engagement: There was no public engagement.

Chair Comments: Julie Smith-Galvin, Susan Veilleux and James Sullivan provided opening remarks.

Financial Condition of the Town: James Sullivan and Daniel Sherman provided an update on the financial condition of the town.

Budget Process: Town Administrator Maio and James Sullivan provided an overview of the budget process.

Economic Rebound and Future Forecasts: Town Administrator Maio, James Sullivan and Daniel Sherman discussed the economic rebound and future forecasts of the Town.

Cares Act Expenditures: Town Administrator Maio detailed the Cares Act expenditures.



Wakefield Public Schools: Superintendent Lyons provided and update on the Wakefield Public Schools as well as an update on the High School project. Doug Butler questioned the use of the 400K out of the 8 million in ARPA funds for the hiring of full-time employees. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. questioned the schools spending of \$15,774.00 per student and stated he is concerned because the spending and the proficiencies don't match up. Ann Santos stated the rankings make no sense.

American Rescue Plan Act: Town Administrator Maio provided an overview.

November 6th, 2021 Town Meeting: Stephen P. Maio provided an overview of the November 6th, 2021 Town Meeting.

Adjournment: At 8:31 p.m. Julie Smith-Galvin adjourned the meeting.