

**Finance Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 7, 2025, at 5:00 pm
Bellingham Municipal Center
Arcand Meeting Room**

Finance Committee Members Present: J. Allam (Chairman), J. Collamati (Vice-Chairman), K. Keppler, B. Boyd

Finance Committee Members Absent: J. Kuzmeskas

Meeting Commenced: J. Allam called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

J. Collamati made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2025, Finance Committee Meeting, as submitted. K. Keppler seconded. Approved 4/0.

Public Hearing: Mr. Fraine and Ms. Chuckran were present to discuss FY26 Budget Accounts for the Departments listed below:

ACCOUNT	FY26 AMOUNT
Animal Control	\$200,020
Arts	\$7,500
Assessors	\$361,731
Assessors Revaluation	\$45,000
Building Maintenance	\$449,595
Cemetery	\$9,451
Commission on Disability	\$20,000
Conservation	\$112,765
Council on Aging	\$333,598
Debt Services	\$4,211.222
Elections	\$53,100
Finance	\$502,687
Finance Committee	\$5,682
Health Department	\$169,211
Highway Department	\$1,686,605
Historical Commission	\$9,000
Human Resources	\$220,907
Inspector, Building	\$263,425
Inspector, Electrical	\$29,605
Inspector, Plumbing	\$32,441
Group Health Insurance	\$7,780,000
Property Insurance	\$950,000
Library	\$681,315
Medicare	\$650,000
Memorial	\$18,000
MIS	\$788,080
Moderator	\$100
Occupational Health	\$30,000

OJI	\$25,000
OPEB	\$50,000
Planning	\$239,089
Property Insurance	\$1,000,025
Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Retirement Fund	\$4,523,110
Select Board	\$168,650
Street Lights	\$135,000
Tax Title	\$75,000
Town Administrator	\$270,194
Town Clerk	\$206,900
Town Common	\$35,300
Town Council	\$112,500
Town Reports	\$750
Treasurer / Collector	\$450,530
Trust Fund	\$50,000
Veterans	\$170,341
Zoning	\$8,000

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend the FY26 Department Accounts, as listed, with funding from Taxation and other sources. B. Boyd seconded. Recommended 4/0.

Public Hearing: Mr. Fraine was present to discuss the following Warrant Articles:

ARTICLE 6 – Conveyances and Easements

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept by gift and/or purchase conveyances or easements for sewers, water lines, utilities, access, retaining walls and streets, and to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, a sum of money to carry out said purposes; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend Article 6 of the Town Warrant. K. Keppler seconded. Recommended 4/0.

ARTICLE 7 – Purchase of Surplus Equipment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise, a sum of money and to authorize the DPW Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend Article 7 of the Town Warrant. B. Boyd seconded. Recommended 4/0.

ARTICLE 8 – Town Property Auction

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell at public auction any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings.

K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 8 of the Town Warrant. B. Boyd seconded. Recommended 4/0.

ARTICLE 9 – Highway Construction

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds allotted or to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as pertaining to highway funds.

K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 9 of the Town Warrant. J. Collamati seconded. Recommended 4/0.

ARTICLE 17 – Street Acceptance: Candlelight Ln., Northern Lights Way, Celestial Cir., and Lovers Ln.
The Finance Committee took “No Action” on this Warrant Article.

ARTICLE 19 – General Bylaw Amendment – Tobacco Control

The Finance Committee took “No Action” on this Warrant Article.

ARTICLE 20 – Amend Zoning Bylaws Chapter 240, Article VI

The Finance Committee took “No Action” on this Warrant Article.

ARTICLE 21 – Amend General Bylaws Chapter 71-6 Revolving Funds

To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Revolving Fund for the Senior Center kitchen.

K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 21 of the Town Warrant. B. Boyd seconded. Recommended 4/0.

ARTICLE 24 – Purchase of Land

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds for the purpose of acquiring land at 28 Wrentham Street, containing a total of 1.07 acres.

K. Keppler made a motion to recommend \$216,000 from Free Cash for the purchase of land located at 28 Wrentham Street. B. Boyd seconded. Recommended 4/0.

ARTICLE 25 – Amend Zoning Bylaw Chapter 240 Article XVI

The Finance Committee took “No Action” on this Warrant Article.

ARTICLE 26 – Amend Zoning Bylaw Chapter 240 Article XII

The Finance Committee took “No Action” on this Warrant Article.

New Business, Emails, Correspondence, Bills:

The next Finance Committee Meeting will take place on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:00 pm, in the Arcand Meeting Room.

B. Boyd made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 pm. Seconded by K. Keppler. Approved 4/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin

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