

**Finance Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 21, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Bellingham Municipal Center
Arcand Meeting Room**

1. Finance Committee Members Present: J. Allam (Chairman), J. Collamati (Vice-Chairman), J. Flannery, A. Thorell, J. Kuzmeskas
2. Finance Committee Members Absent: K. Keppler
3. Meeting Commenced: J. Allam called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
4. Minutes from the March 7, 2022, meeting was tabled until the next Finance Committee Meeting, scheduled for April 4, 2022.
5. **Public Hearing:** Finance Committee Members discussed and made recommendations on the following accounts from the funding source of Taxation and other available sources.

Account Number	Description	Amount
123	Administration	\$ 211,242
137	Assessors	\$ 240,842
189	Building Maintenance	\$ 408,926
161	Town Clerk	\$147,864(Reduced to \$144,864)
171	Conservation	\$ 68,496
151	Town Counsel	\$ 100,000
183	Disability Commission	\$ 20,501
162	Elections	\$ 107,600
135	Finance	\$ 362,629
131	Finance Committee	\$ 5,395
154	Management Info. Systems	\$ 551,135
114	Town Moderator	\$ 350
197	Occupational Health	\$ 41,800
190	OJI	\$ 25,000
152	Personnel - HR	\$ 131,643
172	Planning Department	\$ 140,650
196	Reports	\$ 1,000
132	Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000
142	Revaluation - Assessors	\$ 25,000
122	Selectboard	\$ 148,819
156	Tax Title	\$ 55,000
145	Treasurer / Collector	\$ 352,666
173	Zoning	\$ 8,600
Total General Government:		\$3,505,158 (Reduced to \$3,502,158)

A. Thorell made a motion to amend and recommend the FY23 General Government Budget from \$3,505,158 to \$3,502,158 by reducing \$3,000 from the Town Clerk's account. J. Flannery seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Account Number	Description	Amount
292	Animal Control	\$ 149,541
299	Auxiliary Police	\$ 5,000
255	Electrical Inspector	\$ 28,040
220	Fire	\$ 3,516,016
251	Building Inspector	\$ 205,444
253	Plumbing	\$ 30,128
210	Police	\$ 3,786,799
294	Tree Warden	\$ 30,200
Total Public Safety		\$ 7,751,168

J. Kuzmeskas made a motion to recommend the amount of \$7,751,168 for the Total of Public Safety accounts. Seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 5/0.

Account Number	Description	Amount
541	Council on Aging	\$249,059
510	Health Department	\$149,586
543	Veterans	\$109,200
Total Health & Human Services		\$507,845

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend the amount of \$507,845 for the Total of Health & Human Services accounts. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Account Number	Description	Amount
651	Arts – Cultural Council	\$ 7,500
650	Historical Commission	\$ 10,000
610	Library	\$602,827
660	Memorial	\$ 15,000
630	Parks Department	\$166,508
632	Town Common	\$ 31,150
Total Culture & Recreation		\$832,985

J. Flannery made a motion to recommend the amount of \$832,985 for the Total of Culture & Recreation accounts. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Account Number	Description	Amount
750	Debt Services	\$3,815,470

J. Flannery made a motion to recommend the amount of \$3,815,470 for the Total of Debt Services account. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 5/0.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
193	Insurance / Risk Management	\$704,997

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend the amount of \$704,997 for the Total of the Risk Management account. J. Flannery seconded. Recommended 5/0.

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
195	Medicare	\$ 560,000
194	Retirement	\$3,352,663
Total Employee Benefits	\$4,085,663	

J. Flannery made a motion to recommend the amount of \$4,085,663 for the Total of the Employee Benefits accounts. A. Thorell seconded. Recommended 5/0.

6. A copy of the Town Warrant was given to all Finance Committee for review. The Warrant is on the agenda to be presented and signed for by the Selectboard this evening.

7. New Business, Emails, Correspondence, Bills:

J. Collamati made a motion to approve the invoice from Finance Committee Clerk, Tina Griffin, for the month of March 2022 in the amount of \$318.32. Seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 6/0.

The next Finance Committee Meeting will take place on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 5:30 pm, in the Arcand Meeting Room.

A meeting for Monday, April 11, 2022, will take place at 5:30 pm in the Arcand Meeting Room for the DPW and School Department to present their FY23 Budgets.

J. Flannery made a motion to adjourn at 6:48 pm. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 6/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina M. Griffin
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