

**Finance Committee Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 17, 2022, at 5:30 pm  
Bellingham Municipal Center  
Arcand Meeting Room**

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

Finance Committee Members Absent: J. Flannery

Meeting Commenced: J. Allam called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

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J. Kuzmeskas made a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 4, 2022, Finance Committee Meeting, as submitted. Seconded by B. Boyd. Recommended 6/0.

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**PUBLIC HEARING – WARRANT ARTICLES:**

**Article 8 – Civil Service Law**

J. Collamati made a motion to for the Finance Committee to take “no action” on the Article. Seconded by J. McCarthy. Recommended 6/0.

**Article 9 – Acceptance of M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23D**

J. Collamati made a motion for the Finance Committee to take “No Action” on this Article. Seconded by J. McCarthy. Recommended 6/0.

**Article 10 – Hartford Avenue Improvement Easements**

Mr. Fraine gave a brief summary of this Article to members present.

K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 10 of the Town Warrant. Seconded by B. Boyd. Recommended 6/0.

**Article 11 – Charles River Grove Drainage Parcel Acquisition**

Mr. Fraine discussed this Article with Committee Members and let them know that this Article will be “Passed Over” at the November Town Meeting.

**Article 12 – Wrentham Road Bridge Retaining Wall Easement Acquisition**

Mr. Fraine gave a brief summary on this Warrant Article and let members know that the \$2,500 request would be used for an easement acquisition for the resident residing at 21 Wrentham Road, where the bridge and retaining wall needs repairing.

J. Collamati made a recommendation to transfer \$2,500 from Free Cash to put towards Article 12 for the Wrentham Road Bridge Retaining Wall Easement. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 6/0.

**Article 13 – Depot Street DPW Parking and Access Land Acquisition**

Mr. Fraine told Finance Members that this Article will be tabled until November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Article 14 – Amend General By-Laws Chapter 71-6 Revolving Funds**

Mr. Fraine discussed this Article with Committee Members and let them know that this Article will be “Passed Over” at the November Town Meeting.

**Article 15 – Appropriation of Funds – Sewage Disposal Systems, Fuel Storage Tanks & Deleading Dwellings**

Ms. MacKinnon gave a brief summary on this Article and let members know that this is for the Betterment Loan Program held through the Board of Health for septic system repairs.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend Article 15 of the Town Warrant, seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 6/0.

**Article 16 – Town Charter Revisions**

Mr. Fraine discussed this Article with Committee Members and let them know that this Article will be “Passed Over” at the November Town Meeting.

**Article 17 – Town General Bylaws Revision**

J. Kuzmeskas made a motion to take “no action” on this Article by the Finance Committee. Seconded by J. McCarthy. Recommended 6/0.

**Article 18 – Transfer to Stabilization Fund**

Ms. MacKinnon gave a brief summary on the amount being requested for transfer to the Stabilization Fund and where the Free Cash funds have been generated from.

K. Keppler made a motion to recommend the transfer of \$250,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 6/0.

**Article 19 – Transfer to Group Health Insurance Trust Fund**

Mr. Fraine discussed this Article with Committee Members and let them know that this Article will be “Passed Over” at the November Town Meeting.

**Article 20 – Transfer to Compensated Absences Fund**

Mr. Fraine discussed this Article with Committee Members and let them know that this Article will be “Passed Over” at the November Town Meeting.

**Article 21 – Unpaid Bills**

Ms. MacKinnon let Finance Committee Members know that there are not any unpaid bills at this time and this Article will be “Passed Over” at the November Town Meeting.

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New Business, Emails, Correspondence, Bills:

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

The next Finance Committee Meeting be a joint session meeting with the Capital Improvements Committee, that will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 5:30 pm, in the Arcand Meeting Room.

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K. Keppler made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 pm. Seconded by J. McCarthy. Recommended 6/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tina M. Griffin*  
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