

**Finance Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 26, 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

J. McCarthy made a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 17, 2022, Finance Committee Meeting, as submitted. Seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 6/0.

Public Hearing – DPW Assistant Director, Jesse Riedle was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the DPW, Water and Parks Department vehicles that were tabled until tonight's meeting, as follows:

DPW DEPARTMENT VEHICLES:

Vehicle B2 – This is the 2013 Foreman's truck, that would be replaced by an F-250, 4x4 Supercab, in the amount of \$54,476. The plow on the existing truck would be moved to the new one.

Vehicle B4 – This current truck is a 2012 Salt/Plow/Dump Truck with Combo body, to be replaced by a 108SD Freightliner, in the amount of \$308,600. The 2012 truck would be sold as surplus.

Vehicle B13 – This request is for the replacement of a 2007 Tree Truck in the amount of \$98,634. The new truck would be an F-550, 2-Wheel Drive, Regular Cab, with a wood chip body.

J. Kuzmeskas made a motion to recommend the purchase of DPW vehicle B2, in the amount of \$54,476 from Free Cash, vehicle B4, in the amount of \$308,600 from Free Cash and vehicle B13 in the amount of \$98,634 from Free Cash. Seconded by B. Boyd. Recommended 6/0.

WATER DEPARTMENT VEHICLES:

Vehicle BW3 – This request is for the replacement of a 2011 Service Truck with a new F-350, 4x4 truck with utility body and plow, in the amount of \$88,643.

Vehicle BW10 – The current truck is a 2013 Utility Water Break Truck, that would be replaced with an F-450, 4x4, with long chassis utility body and plow, in the amount of \$94,729

J. McCarthy made a motion to recommend the purchase of vehicle BW3 in the amount of \$88,643 from Water Retained Earnings and BW10 in the amount of \$94,729 from Water Retained Earnings. Seconded by B. Boyd. Recommended 6/0.

PARKS DEPARTMENT VEHICLE:

Vehicle P4 – This vehicle is currently a 2008 Parks Department Truck with plow, to be replaced with an F-350, Supercab, in the amount of \$63,420.

K. Keppler made a motion to approve the purchase of vehicle P4, in the amount of \$63,420 from Free Cash. Seconded by J. Collamati. Recommended 6/0.

Public Hearing – Mr. Riedle has asked to continue the Benelli Street Sewer Station – Control Upgrade until the next meeting. They are still currently waiting on a quote that they will have in hand by the next scheduled meeting date of November 2, 2022.

Public Hearing – School Superintendent, Peter Marano, along with Facilities Manager, Doug Houston were present at tonight's meeting to discuss the additional information that was requested from Committee Members at the October 4th Meeting.

KMA (Keough Memorial Academy) Heating System:

Mr. Houston had provided all Committee Members a copy of the requested information regarding the Gree Mini-Split Heating/Cooling systems that would be installed at KMA. At the previous meeting, Committee Members had wanted to know the efficiency rating of this system, as compared to the boiler replacement or other options that could be discussed. After review and discussion, the Committee agreed on the advantages of this type of system, with the KW hours and efficiency rating provided by the Manufacturer. This item was submitted and approved, up to \$200,000 for the Spring 2022 Town Meeting, but was removed, due to pricing. The turnkey generator in the amount of \$135,000 was removed from this new quote, resulting in \$162,500 as the current requested total cost.

K. Keppler made a motion to recommend the purchase in the amount of \$162,500 from Free Cash for the purchase and installation of the Gree Mini-Split Systems. J. Kuzmeskas seconded. Recommended 6/0.

Public Hearing – Mr. Fraine gave a brief summary of the upgrades needed for the safety of current playgrounds throughout the Town. The upgrades would include the replacement of some swings, chains, slides, and other apparatus in various playground areas.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend the purchase of playground upgrades in the amount of \$47,025 from Free Cash. K. Keppler seconded. Recommended 6/0.

Public Hearing – Ms. MacKinnon let Committee Members know that the rest of the Meeting Articles that need to be discussed, are being tabled until the next meeting.

New Business, Emails, Correspondence, Bills:

The next Finance Committee Meeting will be a joint session meeting with the Capital Improvements Committee, that will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at 5:30 pm, in the Arcand Meeting Room.

B. Boyd made a motion to adjourn at 6:16 pm. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 6/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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