

**Finance Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 26, 2022, at 5:00 pm
Bellingham Municipal Center
Arcand Meeting Room**

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

Finance Committee Members Absent: J. Flannery, J. Kuzmeskas

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

K. Keppler made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 19, Finance Committee Meeting, as submitted. J. Collamati seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Public Hearing: DPW Director, Don DiMartino and Assistant Director, Jesse Riedle were present at tonight's meeting to discuss the following Requests, as listed below:

DPW REQUESTS:

Administration Facility - An amount of \$75,000 for the Depot Street office building was already appropriated in November 2021 for design and bid document preparation. An additional \$75,000 is being requested due to anticipation that current funding will not be sufficient to complete project plans and specifications for bid.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend \$75,000 from Free Cash for the project as described. K. Keppler seconded. Recommended 5/0.

DPW Underground Storage Tank – The UST Removal Tank deadline from DEP is August 2023. This construction project has been advertised and bids are to be opened on September 29th. Looking to use ARPA Federal Funding for this project. This project is for the removal of an underground gas tank and the replacement of an above ground diesel tank.

K. Keppler made a motion to recommend the DPW Underground Storage Tank Removal, in the amount of \$894,000, to be funded through a Federal Grant. J. Collamati seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Hartford Avenue Easement Acquisition – This is a project from I-495 to Arrowhead Road for WS Development, which is seeking a MassWorks Grant to defray the \$7,000,000 project. A request of \$800,000 is being made for the permanent roadway easement and fee takings needed for the Hartford Avenue project. Certified value appraisals have been received. Funding request is based on the appraised values for damages to owners.

K. Keppler made a motion to recommend \$800,000 from Free Cash for the Hartford Avenue Easement acquisition, as presented. B. Boyd seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Mechanics Service Truck – An amount of \$95,000 for the purchase a new Ford F-350 4x4 truck with utility body and plow was requested, to be used as the mechanics service truck. The DPW is still waiting on the updated quote from the State Bid supplier.

The Finance Committee has tabled this item until the updated quotes are received from the supplier.

Replace Truck B2 – An amount of \$58,000 is being requested, for the purchase of a new Ford F-350 Supercab 4x4 truck. This would be to replace Truck B2, which is currently a 2013 truck that is used by the Foreman.

Replace Truck B4 – An amount of \$308,600 is being requested for the replacement of a 2012 Salt/Plow/Dump with a combo body truck. To be replaced by a new Freightliner 108SD. The DPW is still waiting for the updated quote from the State Bid supplier.

J. McCarthy made a motion to recommend the amount of \$58,000 from Free Cash for the replacement of Truck B2 and \$308,600 from Free Cash for the replacement of Truck B4, as described above.

K. Keppler seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Replace Truck B13 – An amount of \$90,000 for the purchase of a new Ford F-350 with a wood chip body has been requested. This would replace the current 2007 Tree Truck. DPW is still waiting for the updated quote from the State Bid Supplier.

The Finance Committee has tabled this item until the updated quotes are received from the supplier.

Hartford TIP Project – This project is from the Medway line to the Cemetery and would also include the Maple Street / Stallbrook School intersection re-design. An amount of \$550,000 is being requested. This project was initialized with the MassDOT Review Committee. This is the first step in an approximately 90% Grant Program. Engineers' proposal to get close to bid ready is \$495,000. There is an estimated \$55,000 to wrap up the PS&E.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend \$550,000 from Free Cash for the Hartford Avenue TIP Project, as described above. K. Keppler seconded. Recommended 5/0.

PARKS REQUESTS:

Replace Truck P4 – An amount of \$58,000 was requested for the replacement of truck P4, which is currently a 2008 Ford F-250 Parks Department truck, with a plow. The replacement truck would be for a new Ford F-350 4x4 Supercab truck. The DPW is still waiting on the updated quote from the State Bid supplier.

The Finance Committee has tabled this item until the updated quotes are received from the supplier.

SEWER REQUESTS:

Old Bridge Sewer Station – An amount of \$75,000 was requested for control upgrades to the Old Bridge Lane Sewer Station. The DPW is awaiting price quotes from WECO.

Benelli Street Station – An amount of \$150,000 was requested for control and pump upgrades to the Benelli Street Sewer Station. The DPW is currently awaiting price quotes from WECO.

The Finance Committee has tabled these items until the updated quotes are received.

TREE WARDEN:

Tree and Stump Removal – An amount of \$150,000 was requested for the removal of the dead trees and stumps project. This is an ongoing project that had \$100,000 recommended in FY20, \$20,000 in FY21 and \$50,000 in FY22.

K. Keppler made a motion to recommend \$150,000 from Free Cash for the dead tree and stump removal project. B. Boyd seconded. Recommended 5/0.

WATER REQUESTS:

Well #12 – An amount of \$350,000 was requested for the construction of a replacement Well at the current location. There was a 10% inflation from a previous, 2019 Well replacement.

Well #10 – An amount of \$540,000 was requested for Well #10, to expand water services in town. The site is located just south of High Street. Phase 1 yield results show the Well could product 400 gpm. Next Phase would be for design, permitting, long term pump testing, and DEP Approval. The estimate received from Wright-Pierce in September 2022 would be from December 2022 to March 2024.

J. McCarthy made a motion to recommend the approval for Well #12, in the amount of \$350,000 and Well #10, in the amount of \$540,000 to be funded through ARPA Grant money. K. Keppler seconded. Recommended 5/0.

Replace Truck BW3 – An amount of \$95,000 was requested to replace Truck BW3, which is currently a 2011 service truck. To be replaced with a new Ford F-350 4x4 truck with utility body and plow. The DPW is currently waiting on an updated quote from the State Bid supplier.

Replace Truck BW10 – An amount of \$105,000 was requested to replace Truck BW10, which is currently a 2013 utility body water break truck. To be replaced by a new Ford F-450 4x4 with long chassis utility body with plow. The DPW is currently waiting on an updated quote from the State Bid supplier.

K. Keppler made a motion to recommend \$95,000 from Water Retained Earnings for the purchase of the replacement truck for BW3 and \$105,000 from Water Retained Earnings for the purchase of the replacement truck for BW10, as described above. B. Boyd seconded. Recommended 5/0.

New Business, Emails, Correspondence, Bills:

The next Finance Committee Meeting date(s) will be discussed.

J. McCarthy made a motion to adjourn at 6:24 pm. Seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 5/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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