

Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 08, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Bellingham Municipal Center
Downstairs Meeting Room

1. FinCom Present: J. Allam, J. Collamati, J. Flannery, K. Keppler, R. Cohan
2. FinCom Absent: K. Grant, J. Kuzmeskas
3. Meeting Commenced at 7:00 pm

4. Minutes from the meeting held on March 18, 2019 were accepted, as submitted. Motion to accept by J. Flannery and seconded by R. Cohan. Recommended 5/0.

5. Public Hearing - ATM Warrant Article 17 – Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map Amendment – Maple Street. Petitioner Art Paturzo was present to discuss this request for a Zoning By-Law Amendment to change the parcels listed in Article 17 from Industrial to Suburban Zoning. The Finance Committee did not make any recommendations on this Article tonight.

A Public Hearing will be held for this Article at the Planning Board meeting on April 25, 2019. The Finance Committee will make recommendation on this Article at the next Finance Committee meeting on April 29th, after it is heard by the Planning Board.

6. Public Hearing - ATM Warrant Article 21 – Used Car Licenses. Petitioner Bruce Lord for Bellingham Sunoco was present to discuss the number of used car licenses allowed in Town. The current By-law restricts the number of Class II Used car licenses to 20. However, the petitioner is asking to amend Chapter 216, Vehicles and Traffic of the Bellingham Code of By-Laws to increase the Class II licenses to 26 instead of 20. Mr. Lord gave a brief summary of the different license classes and explanation of his request. J. Collamati made a motion to recommend Article 21 to increase the number of Class II used car licenses to 26. Seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 5/0.

7. Public Hearing – To discuss various Articles in the May 2019 ATM Warrant
Chief Financial Officer, Mary MacKinnon, was present to discuss various Articles in the May 2019 ATM Warrant that need to be recommended.

Article 13 – Capital Outlay - Ms. MacKinnon gave a brief summary of the Telecommunications Upgrade in the amount of \$100,000. K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 13, not to exceed the amount of \$100,000 from the funding source below. Seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 5/0.

Department	Description	Amount	Funding Source
Police	Telecommunications Upgrade	\$100,000	Free Cash

Article 14 – Non-Capital Outlay Expenditures – Ms. MacKinnon gave a brief summary of the items requested below by the Fire Department. K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 14, not to exceed the amount of \$31,675, from the funding sources listed below. Seconded by J. Collamati. Recommended 5/0.

Department	Description	Amount	Funding Source
Fire	Roof Repair / Replace	\$17,320	Free Cash
Fire	HVAC Repair / Replace	\$14,355	Free Cash
	Total:	\$31,675	

Article 22 – Appropriation of Funds – Sewage Disposal Systems, Fuel Storage Tanks & De-Leading Dwellings – J. Flannery made a motion to recommend Article 22 of the Town Warrant. Seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 5/0.

Article 23 – Bond Proceeds General Authorization – J. Flannery made a motion to recommend Article 23 of the Town Warrant. Seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 5/0.

Article 31 – Transfer to Compensated Absences Trust - K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 31 of the Town Warrant. Seconded by J. Collamati. Recommended 5/0.

8. The Finance Committee discussed additional Article 1 items that needed recommendations.

A motion to recommend the new Dollar Amount of Account 195 for Medicare Employer Share in the amount of \$463,300 was recommended by J. Collamati and seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 5/0.

A motion to recommend Account 750 for Debt Service Interest and Principal in the amount of \$5,958,638 was made by J. Flannery and seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 5/0.

A motion to recommend Account 992 for Health Insurance in the amount of \$6,600,000 was made by J. Collamati and seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 5/0.

9. New Business, Emails, Correspondence, Bills:

Finance Committee members were provided with a copy of the 2019 Annual Report book for review.

Invoice from Finance Committee Clerk, Tina Griffin, for the month of April in the amount of \$318.32 was submitted to the Committee. A motion to recommend payment of the Clerk invoice was made by J. Flannery and seconded by J. Allam. Recommended 5/0.

The next FinCom Meeting will be held on April 29, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Arcand Meeting Room of the Municipal Center.

A motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm was made by J. Flannery and seconded by J. Collamati. Recommended 5/0.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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