

Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Bellingham Municipal Center
Arcand Meeting Room

1. FinComPresent: J. Allam, J. Collamati, J. Flannery, K. Grant, K. Keppler, R. Cohan, J. Kuzmeskas
 2. FinCom Absent: All Members Present
 3. Meeting Commenced at 7:00pm
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4. Minutes from the meeting held on March 11, 2019 were accepted, as submitted. Motion to accept by J. Collamati and seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 6/0. K. Keppler abstained from the motion, as he was not present for the March 11th meeting.

5. Chief Daigle and Lieutenant Russell from the Police Department were present to discuss the FY20 operating budget and expenses. Mr. Daigle gave a brief summary of the department budget. Finance Committee members held off on the vote of the Police Department budget until hearing from all departments present tonight.

6. Chief Gentile and Deputy Poirier were present at tonight's meeting to discuss the Fire Department FY20 budget. Mr. Poirier also informed the Committee that they need to make repairs to the heating system and roof of the Administration Building at Fire Station #2. Mr. Poirier provided Committee members with copies of the quotes received for both the heating systems and the roof replacement. The Finance Committee held off on voting of the Fire Department budget until hearing from all departments present tonight.

7. Mr. Marano and the School Committee were present to discuss the School's FY20 budget and operating expenses. Mr. Marano explained specific line items in the budget for the Chromebooks lease, hiring of an engineering teacher and the increase in special needs student funding. Finance Committee members thanked Mr. Marano and the School Committee for coming into tonight's meeting to discuss their FY20 budget.

8. Public Hearing – To discuss various Articles in the May 2019 ATM Warrant. Mr. Fraine and Ms. MacKinnon were present to discuss the ATM Warrant and answer questions that Finance Committee members had about specific Articles.

J. Allam provided Committee members with a spreadsheet based on Article 1 Budget Requests.

A motion to recommend the new Dollar Amount of Account 302 in the amount of \$871,171 for the BV Vocational School was recommended by J. Collamati and seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 7/0.

A motion to recommend account numbers 162, 255, 135, 131, 220, 426 and 510 as listed below was made by K. Grant and seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 7/0.

162	Elections	\$ -	\$ 37,600	\$ 20,000	\$ 57,600
255	Electrical Inspector	\$ -	\$ 29,000	\$ 900	\$ 29,900
135	Finance	\$ -	\$ 228,611	\$ 62,275	\$ 290,886
131	Finance Committee	\$ -	\$ 3,820	\$ 1,575	\$ 5,395
220	Fire	\$ -	\$ 2,718,187	\$ 401,696	\$ 3,119,883
426	Gas vehicles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000
510	Health Board	\$ 6,000	\$ 110,059	\$ 16,518	\$ 132,577

A motion to recommend account numbers 650, 152, 251, 193, 439, 610, 195, 660, 154, 114, 197, 190, 630, 172, 253, 210, 299, 163 and 132 as listed below was made by K. Keppler and seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 7/0.

650	Historical Commission	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
152	Human Resources	\$ -	\$ 100,295	\$ 4,007	\$ 104,302
251	Inspector	\$ -	\$ 161,238	\$ 7,637	\$ 168,875
193	Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 602,103	\$ 602,103
439	Landfill	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
610	Library	\$ 600	\$ 415,346	\$ 182,508	\$ 598,454
195	Medicare Employer Share	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 461,300	\$ 461,300
660	Memorial Day Veterans Day	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
154	MIS Management Info Systems	\$ -	\$ 152,379	\$ 258,225	\$ 410,604
114	Moderator	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 350
197	Occupational Health	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000
190	OTJ Injury deductible	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
630	Parks and Recreation	\$ 3,050	\$ 141,500	\$ 61,000	\$ 205,550
172	Planning	\$ 5,000	\$ 105,099	\$ 4,400	\$ 114,499
253	Plumbing Inspector	\$ -	\$ 33,126	\$ 400	\$ 33,526
210	Police	\$ -	\$ 3,112,386	\$ 229,531	\$ 3,341,917
299	Auxiliary Police	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,817	\$ 5,817
163	Registrars	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,400
132	Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000

A motion to recommend account numbers 194 and 122 as listed below was made by J. Collamati and seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 7/0.

194	Retirement Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,336,269	\$ 3,336,269
	School				\$ 26,548,074
122	Selectmen	\$ 12,900	\$ 51,000	\$ 39,071	\$ 102,971

A motion to recommend account numbers 424, 156, 123, 161, 151, 196, 303, 145, 294, 549, 543 and 173 as listed below was made by K. Keppler and seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 7/0.

424	Street Lighting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,900	\$ 150,900
156	Tax Title	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
123	Town Administrator	\$ -	\$ 177,020	\$ 3,012	\$ 180,032
161	Town Clerk	\$ 64,999	\$ 39,071	\$ 18,500	\$ 122,570
151	Town Counsel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000
196	Town Reports	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
303	School Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,501,342	\$ 2,501,342
145	Treasurer Collector	\$ -	\$ 224,804	\$ 75,910	\$ 300,714
294	Tree Warden	\$ 6,500	\$ 3,700	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,200
549	Veterans Grave Agent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
543	Veterans Services	\$ -	\$ 8,500	\$ 112,100	\$ 120,600
173	Zoning Board	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,997	\$ 1,100	\$ 8,597

Article 5 – Conveyances and Easements – K. Grant made a motion to recommend Article 5 of the Town Warrant. Seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 7/0.

Article 6 – Purchase of Surplus Equipment – J. Flannery made a motion to recommend Article 6 of the Town Warrant. Seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 7/0.

Article 7 – Town Property Auction – K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 7 of the Town Warrant. Seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 7/0.

Article 8 – Highway Construction – J. Flannery made a motion to recommend Article 8 of the Town Warrant. Seconded by J. Collamati. Recommended 7/0.

Article 15 – Revolving Funds – J. Collamati made a motion to recommend Article 15 of the Town Warrant, as listed below. Seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 7/0.

FUND	SPENDING LIMIT
Bellingham Public Library Trustees	\$15,000
D.P.W.	\$20,000
Board of Health	\$35,000
Board of Health	\$20,000
Commission on Disability	\$10,000
Bellingham Police Department	\$40,000
Bellingham Conservation Commission	\$15,000
Board of Selectmen	\$25,000
School Committee	\$50,000

Article 24 – Rescission of Unissued Borrowing Authority – K. Grant made a motion to recommend Article 24 of the Town Warrant, as listed below. Seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 7/0.

<u>Unissued Amount</u>	<u>Date of Approval</u>	<u>Original Purpose</u>
\$50,000	5/14/1995	Remediated Sewers
\$47,217	5/25/2011	Middle School Boiler Replacement

Total - \$97,217

Article 28 – Notice of Date of Fall Town Meeting – K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 28 of the Town Warrant. Seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 7/0.

Article 29 – Establish Water Stabilization Fund – J. Collamati made a motion to recommend Article 29 of the Town Warrant. Seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 7/0.

Article 32 – Re-Accept Provisions of Chapter 32B Section of the General Laws for OPEB Trust Fund – J. Flannery made a motion to recommend Article 32 of the Town Warrant. Seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 7/0.

9. New Business, Emails, Correspondence, Bills:

Invoice from Finance Committee Clerk, Tina Griffin, for the month of March in the amount of \$318.32 was submitted to the Committee. A motion to recommend payment of the Clerk invoice was made by J. Collamati and seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 7/0.

The next FinCom Meeting will be held on April 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Downstairs Meeting Room of the Municipal Center.

A motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm was made by J. Flannery and seconded by J. Collamati. Recommended 7/0.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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