

Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm  
Bellingham Municipal Center  
Arcand Meeting Room

1. FinCom Members Present: J. Allam, J. Collamati, K. Grant, K. Keppler, J. Flannery, J. Kuzmeskas, R. Cohen

2. FinCom Members Absent: All Members Present

3. Meeting Commenced: J. Allam called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

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4. K. Grant made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2020 Finance Committee meeting, as submitted. Seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 6/0. J. Kuzmeskas abstained from the motion.

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5. The FY21 School Budget binders were distributed to all Finance Committee members for review before the meeting with the School Committee, scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>.

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6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** 7:05 PM – Chief Daigle and Lt. Russell from the Police Department were present to discuss their FY21 operating budget and expenses. Mr. Daigle gave a brief summary of the department budget. K. Grant made a motion to recommend \$3,648,392 from Taxation. Seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 7/0.

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7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** 7:15 PM – Chief Gentile and Deputy Poirier from the Fire Department were present to discuss their FY21 operating budget and expenses. Chief Gentile discussed the lack of manpower in the department as well as some additional expenses the department has recently encountered.

K. Grant made a motion to recommend \$3,374,158 from Taxation. Seconded by K. Keppler. Recommended 7/0.

Mr. Poirier provided all Committee members with a copy of the quote for the communication system that needs to be replaced. A Zetron Alerting System would be used to dispatches both Fire and Police to be used at both Station's 1 and 2. The system will have the capability of sounding tones, lights, and open the overhead doors when the vehicles need to be dispatched. The current system is obsolete and has been malfunctioning and the communication system would need to be installed as soon as possible. J. Flannery made a motion to recommend \$107,699 from Free Cash. Seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 7/0.

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8. New Business, Emails, Correspondence, Bills:

There were no new bills or correspondence to present since the last Finance Committee Meeting that was held on February 24, 2020.

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The next finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm and will take place in the Arcand Meeting Room of the Municipal Center.

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A motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm was made by K. Grant and seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 7/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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