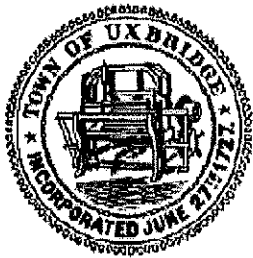


Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes



REC'D UMB TOWN CLERK
2023 JUN 1 AM 11:22

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Place: Town Hall BOS Meeting Room and
Remote Via Zoom

Attendance: Present or Absent

Jim Hogan (JH) - Chair	P	Richard Michel (RM)	A	Art Poisson (AP)	P
Jennifer Kurzon (JK) - Vice Chair & Clerk	P	Bob White (BW)	P**		
Claudia Cataldo (CC)	P*				

*Joined at 6:10 pm

** Participated Remotely via Zoom

Call to Order: 6:05 pm

JH Does Roll Call of all FinCom Members as indicated above

Board of Selectmen Opens Their Meeting

Chair Butler Call to Order and Roll Call Vote

Present-Peter Demers(PD), Steve Mandile(SM), John Wise(JW), Brian Butler(BB)

Flag-Pledge of Allegiance

Motion	Re-Open Public Hearing-2023 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles				
1st	JK	2nd	AP	Vote	4-0-0
Roll Call Vote: Yea: AP, BW, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

1. Public Hearing – Spring Annual Town Meeting Tuesday May 9th 2023 -Warrant Articles
 - a. Article 14: Borrowing Authorization Lead Service Inventory-Presentation by Town Manager (“TM”) Steve Sette and DPW Director Benn Sherman; TM begins with narrative re this is a loan through the State’s revolving fund. The referenced Inventory is done to determine what needs to be replaced in water system re: lead pipes; Have until 10/22/24 to complete this Inventory by a 3rd party vendor. If it is completed by this date then the principal is 100% forgiven; Dir. Sherman indicated this was/is developed as a not to exceed \$200K project;

This is a rolling program so can apply and commence going forward but first need authorization in place.

- b. Article 5: Water Enterprise Fund-Presentation by TM- Presentation by TM Steve Sette and DPW Chair Benn Sherman employing the applicable Budget Spreadsheet on Zoom and Meeting Room Screens; Indicate cost is up by 4% over FY2023; Discussion of salaries and hourly employees; Salaries listed are the portion of Water allocated for Dir, Asst Dir and Water Supervisor; Discusses Retirement and Fringe Benefits; 3% increase in pay to all DPW employees based on union negotiated 2% COLA increase and 1% merit based.
- c. Article 4: Wastewater Enterprise Fund-Presentation by TM and DPW Chair Benn Sherman employing the applicable Budget Spreadsheet on Zoom and Meeting Room Screens; 1% increase from FY2023; 1 position unfilled, and 2 additional positions are going to be necessary; Wastewater salary is commensurate with Water including allocations to top positions; Discussion of difficulty in filling positions-not a lot of people have the degrees or training in this area.
- d. Article 8: Care and Condition of Town Roads-Presentation by TM and DPW Chair Benn Sherman-Continuation of the Proposal begun at the Fall 2017 Town Meeting which is to increase the amount 10% each year for \$585,640 for paving under the five year plan plus what we get from Chapter 90 allows us to put over 1 million dollars towards paving-This amount is within the 5 year plan provided to the BOS by DPW which is on the Highway Dept webpage-This program has been very successful in the past few years; TM recommends increasing the amount to bring everything up to DOT standards; Discussion by FinCom and BOS members re increasing the capital expenditure for paving by at least \$500,000. TM recommends the same. Typically do a Windshield Survey. Now using more automated system which scans the road and provides an assessment.
- e. Article 11: Inter/intra Departmental Transfers-Presentation by TM and DPW Chair Benn Sherman-Transfer \$190K from Water Enterprise Retained Earnings to the Water Enterprise Fund Capital Expense for replacement of Water Div dump truck and \$450,000 to conduct PFAS & Manganese Pilot Study will help in ensuring we get funding for this major project; Discussion re dump truck cost; Request for specs; Major discussion re PFAS Pilot Study is a MassDEP requirement must complete before commencing with design of the treatment facilities. Discussion re why this isn't the type of treatment that can be copied from other treatment facilities already on line. These amounts will be paid out of retained earnings not general budget.
- f. Article 12-Appropriation for Capital Projects/Purchases-Presentation by TM and DPW Chair Benn Sherman; 5.5 million for Highway Dept Projects/appropriations; Request to borrow money & do work under direction of BOS to pay costs of bridge and culvert replacement, emergency generator (Engine & Implementation) and DPW Salt Shed Design and permitting

Motion	Continue Public Hearing to 6:00 pm tomorrow night 4/6/23				
1st	JK	2nd	CC	Vote	5-0-0
Roll Call Vote: Yea: CC, AP, BW, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

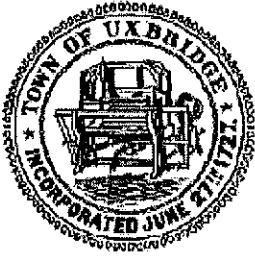
BOS Adjourns its meeting via Motion/Second and Roll Call Vote all in favor-Peter Demers, Steve Mandile, John Wise & Brian Butler

2. Review and Act upon Outstanding Meeting Minutes-None

3. New Business to be set for discussion at next FinCom Meeting: None

Motion	Adjourn FinCom Meeting at 8:12 pm				
1st	JK	2nd	AP	Vote	5-0-0
Roll Call Vote: Yea: CC, AP, BW, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

Video replay of meeting available at: <https://archive.uxbridgetv.org/Video/8503>



Finance Committee Approval Sheet

Meeting Date: 2023

Place:

Name	Signature	Date
Jim Hogan, Chair	<i>[Signature]</i>	5/24/23
Jennifer Kurzon, Vice Chair/Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>	5/24/23
Richard Michel	Not Present	
Bob White		
Art Poisson	<i>Arthur N. Poisson</i>	5/23/23
Claudia Cataldo	<i>Claudia N. Cataldo</i>	5/22/23

Vote to approve meeting minutes of April 5, 2023 was taken by roll call vote on

Motion	Approve Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2023				
1st		2nd		Vote	
Roll Call Vote: Abstain:					