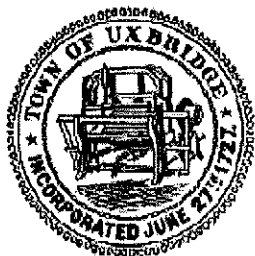


# Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts

## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes



REC'D LINDA TOWN CLERK  
2023 JUN 1 AM 3:23

Meeting/ Date: Thursday, April 13, 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)	A	David Moriarty (DM)	P
Claudia Cataldo (CC)	P				

\*Participated remotely via Zoom; Arrived at 6:08 pm: Left early at 8:20 pm

Call to Order: 6:03 pm

JH Does Roll Call of all FinCom Members as indicated above

Board of Selectmen Steve Mandile Opens Their Meeting

Roll Call Present-Peter Demers(PD), Jeff Shaw(JS), John Wise(JW) & Steve Mandile(SM),  
Flag-Pledge of Allegiance

Town Manager ("TM") Steven Sette is present

Motion	Re-Open Public Hearing-2023 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles				
1st	CC	2nd	AP	Vote	5-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, AP, JK, JH			Abstain: N/A		

### 1. Public Hearing – Spring Annual Town Meeting Tuesday May 9th 2023 -Warrant Articles

a. Article 9: Transfer to Capital Stabilization Fund from General Stabilization-TM presents-Packet provided BOS moved and unanimously passed Peter Demers motion to move 5.5 million dollars will be requested to be transferred at Town Meeting.

b. Article 10: Capital Projects-Presented by Capital Committee ("CC") member Eli L. and Chair Jeanne Daley and TM; First is radio replacement project for DPW which is the only safety dept that does not have the updated radio equipment or system ; Pout Pond Recreation

Area last year CC funded DPW for a stormwater design, which was completed and this is for the construction of the same; This will make the Stormwater compliant-have to do it by law; Fire Inspection Vehicle has holes in it, beyond useful life-get it off inventory list-Chief is trading it in; This is 60K for new vehicle; Town Manager - Taft doesn't have ADA compliant playground; Town provides the first 100K for the playground which is Phase I; \$30K TM to upgrade lower Town Hall to make it ADA compatible including furniture; School Dept 650K for school safety building upgrades at Taft, Whitin & HS-although the Warrant indicates only for Taft and Whitin (5 year phased program)-this is for school safety and fire protection; Was done in executive session so cannot discuss as it relates to security design; JD further explained the fire upgrade to Taft intercom/clock system is 20 years old and Whitin Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System; \$120K is second phase for playground; \$80K to replace 280 grade level chromebooks system wide that are not MCAS Compliant; Senior Center Replace ceiling tiles grids and insulation for \$40K-they replaced roof and the tiles etc were all garbage and grids were all rusted out. They got 4 bids and the one they selected was right in middle; Library replace three 34 year old mini splits of library (life span was 20 years) on main floor; Will be completed in early FY24-short term duration for project; Proposal is from local company who installed mini split in children's section; They bid it for 36K

Discussion re the allocation for the Taft School Playground and providing more detail re what is being proposed, which is only update of outside playground; also need more information as to what you are proposing to do to the playground and costs associated

Also discussed the \$650K security request; Even though CC decided this in Executive Session per the Chief of Police's decision that this was a matter involving the discussion of the deployment of security devices and strategies related thereto, and as such required to be conducted in executive session. The CC while in executive session voted in favor of the requested \$650K.

Dir Sherman explained the replacement of the radios and fact that current DPW system is on low band which is being phased out by everyone. Have to replace in entire fleet (about 50 vehicles) and bay stations at DPW facilities-Complete replacement of low band system-currently DPW cannot communicate with Fire or Police via the radio system

Dir Sherman also explained the NPDES Stormwater retrofit at Pout Pond; Required by law.

c. FY2024 Town Budget-Departments Continued-TM presents using the specific Budget allocations for each department emailed to FinCom and BOS and up on Screen at meeting

1. Public Works Administration by TM and Benn Sherman up 4% over last year-Split is 35% each for water/sewer and 30% for admin.

2. Highway-regular salaries up 28%-which reflects contractual increases of 2% + two new employees; stipends line went up b/c of licensing requirements also non-pensionable stipends went up 18%. Budget increased 18%; Prof services is explained by Benn S.-it covers everything from participation in stormwater management group; catchment basin work; traffic signals; prof services for guardrail replacement; line painting, tree maintenance; using vendors for small repairs for road and sidewalk; The mower is \$34K; 18K replacement mower from State Bid List; Also need a berm/curb machine new equipment; PT seasonal went down and Overtime went up

Dir Sherman discussed Town related projects and services DPW provides to community including First Night etc. DPW doesn't charge for any of these community related services; BS and PD discuss review of non-union employees including Paul Hutnick, Paul Moranty and Benn, Jim Oliver-Head of Water Dept and Chris Welch-head of WW Plant are all non-union employees

Dir Sherman indicates that Foreman from Highway/Parks moved to Foreman for Fleet; Retirement of mechanic this year and so moved foreman to fleet mechanic; Benn wants to put together a plan to take on the town wide fleet in repair and maintenance; This is something that is in the nascent phase

3. Facilities-Up 13% b/c Facilities Manager Bruce Barick is now working FT (37.5 hours) vs 25 hours and he is now handling the handyman position that was vacant; He has done an excellent job of maintaining the Town Hall facilities. Has also done great job with bringing in other facilities people and getting vendors and contractors. Great job in all the facilities including ensuring supplies are in all Town facilities; Great pricing on supplies; He is managing entire cleaning of floors and windows (haven't been done in 10 years); He is in charge of Town Hall, Senior Center, Library, McCluskey etc.; Doing general repairs to McCluskey to just maintain it.

Motion	Continue Public Hearing to Tuesday 4/18/23 at 6:00 pm				
1st	CC	2nd	AP	Vote	4-0-0
Vote: Yea: DM, CC, AP, JH Abstain: N/A					

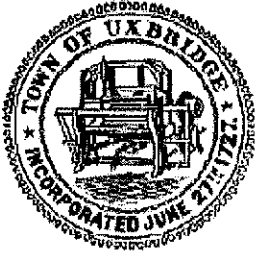
BOS Adjourns its meeting via Motion by SM and Second by JW and Roll Call Vote all in favor- Peter Demers, John Wise, Jeff Shaw, Steve Mandile

2. Meeting Minutes - JH indicates waiting until Public Hearing ends

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

Motion	Adjourn FinCom Meeting at 8:50 pm				
1st	CC	2nd	DM	Vote	4-0-0
Hand-raised DM, CC, AP, JH Abstain: N/A					

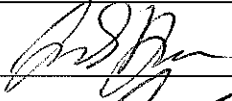
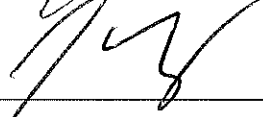
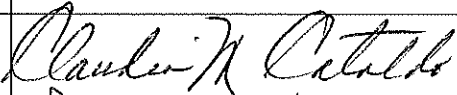
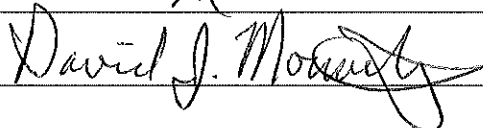
Video replay of meeting available at: <https://archive.uxbridgetv.org/Video/8539>



## Finance Committee Approval Sheet

Meeting Date: 2023

Place:

Name	Signature	Date
Jim Hogan, Chair		5/24/23
Jennifer Kurzon, Vice Chair/Clerk		5/24/23
Richard Michel	Not Present	
Bob White	Not Present	
Art Poisson		
Claudia Cataldo		5/22/23
David Moriarty		5/22/23

Vote to approve meeting minutes of April 13, 2023 was taken by roll call vote on

Motion	Approve Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2023				
1st		2nd		Vote	
Roll Call Vote: Abstain:					