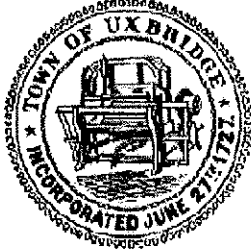


Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes



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Meeting/ Date: Tuesday April 25, 2023

Place: Town Hall BOS Meeting Room and
Remote Via Zoom

Attendance: Present or Absent

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

*Left meeting at 8:01 pm

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

JH Does Roll Call of all Finance Committee ("FinCom") Members as indicated above.

1. Continuation of Vote on Recommendations and commentary for Spring Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday May 9, 2023 -Warrant Articles

Chair JH goes through remaining Warrant Articles to discuss and vote on.

Chair begins going through the Articles, debate and then votes are taken.

ARTICLE 10: CAPITAL PURCHASES-Discussion going to approach these separately as agreed at last meeting. Discussion with Police Chief and why Capital review was done in executive session for No. 8 School Dept. Safety Upgrades. Chief explains what the process was with Capital Committee and indicates he could complete executive session with FinCom to go over in detail what this is comprised of. Discussion amongst FinCom Members and majority deem this is not necessary.

1. DPW Radio-Discussion then vote.

Motion	Favorable Action on Capital Purchase for DPW Radio				
1st	DM	2nd	CC	Vote	6-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, RM, AP, JK, JH			Abstain: N/A		

The committee understands the need for the DPW to be on the same system as the rest of public safety. Their existing system is also end of life. This will replace all radios in the fleet as well as base stations.

2. DPW NPDES Construction Pout Pond -Discussion then vote.

Motion	Favorable Action on Capital Purchase for DPW NPDES Const. Pout Pond				
1st	CC	2nd	JK	Vote	6-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, RM, AP, JK, JH			Abstain: N/A		

The committee recognizes this as a requirement of the towns storm water permit from the EPA. This will upgrade the Pout Pond parking area.

3. Fire Dept. Purchase Vehicle-Discussion then vote.

Motion	Favorable Action on Capital Purchase for Fire Dept Purchase of Vehicle				
1st	JK	2nd	CC	Vote	6-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, RM, AP, JK, JH			Abstain: N/A		

The committee agrees with the replacement of this vehicle and sees this as a reasonable and customary cost.

- 4. Town Manager: Taft Community Playground ADA accessible-Discussion then vote.**
School Superintendent submits updated overview and joins the discussion.

Motion	Favorable Action on Town Managers Request for Taft Community Playground				
1st	JK	2nd	DM	Vote	6-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, RM, AP, JK, JH			Abstain: N/A		

The committee agrees with the immediate need for an ADA (American with Disabilities Act) accessible playground and understands this is multi-year and multiphase project.

- 5. Town Manager: Upgrade Lower Town Hall ("TH")-Discussion then vote.**

Motion	Favorable Action on Town Managers Request for Upgrade for Lower TH				
1st	JK	2nd	CC	Vote	6-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, RM, AP, JK, JH			Abstain: N/A		

The committee feels this upgrade is much needed to make best use of the lower town hall space.

- 6. School Dept. Safety Upgrades-Discussion then vote**

Motion	Favorable Action on Capital Purchase for School Dept Safety Upgrades				
1st	CC	2nd	AP	Vote	5-0-1
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, RM, AP, JH			Abstain: JK		

The Committee finds this a vital and necessary upgrade to protect students and faculty. The abstention was due to the inability to adequately vet the cost given the timeline and need for FinCom executive session to properly review.

- 7. School Dept.: Pre-K Playground-Discussion then vote.**

Motion	Favorable Action on School Dept Pre-K Playground				
1st	CC	2nd	DM	Vote	6-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, RM, AP, JK, JH			Abstain: N/A		

The committee agrees with the immediate need of an ADA and adaptive accessible playground and understands this is multi-year and multiphase project.

8. School Dept.: Replace Grade level chromebooks-Discussion then vote.

Motion	Favorable Action on School Dept's Capital Request to Replace Chromebooks				
1st	CC	2nd	JK	Vote	6-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, RM, AP, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

The committee agrees with the need to have equipment compatible with the MCAS testing system.

9. Senior Center: Replace Ceiling Tiles-Discussion then vote.

Motion	Favorable Action on Senior Center's Capital Request to Replace Ceiling Tiles				
1st	JK	2nd	AP	Vote	6-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, RM, AP, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

The committee finds this as the next required step with the roof repair already completed.

10. Library: Mini Split Replacements on Main Floor -Discussion then vote.

Motion	Favorable Action on Library's Capital Request to Replace 3 Mini Splits				
1st	JK	2nd	CC	Vote	6-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, RM, AP, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

The existing 3 mini split systems are well past their useful life. The new units are more energy efficient and will also supplement the heating systems.

ARTICLE 11: INTER/INTRA DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS-PFAS SYSTEM ONLY-Discussion and then Vote

Motion	Favorable Action on Article 11 The Request Related to PFAS System				
1st	JK	2nd	CC	Vote	6-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, RM, AP, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

The committee finds this a proper use of the retained earnings. This is required per DEP regulatory requirements. This is also needed to apply for next phase funding assistance.

ARTICLE 12: APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS/PURCHASES- To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, transfer, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to pay costs of bridge and culvert replacement, design, planning, drainage improvements, building remodeling and acquiring the departmental equipment, and the payment of all other costs incidental or related thereto:

Discussion on how to approach these as separate items or all together. Agreed, except for Items 1-4, break these up into separate items.

1-4. Road/Culvert Items-Discussion and then Vote

Motion	Favorable Action on Article 12 Road/Culvert Items				
1st	JK	2nd	AP	Vote	5-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, RM, AP, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

The committee feels the Bridge and Culvert work is long needed and this is an appropriate process to fund this work.

5. DPW Emergency Generator-Discussion and then Vote

Motion	Favorable Action on Article 12 Emergency Generator				
1st	DM	2nd	AP	Vote	3-2-0
Vote: Yea: DM, AP, JH NEA: CC, JK Abstain: N/A					

The favorable members for the Generator feel this is a needed update to the DPW. The unfavorable feel this should have gone to the capital committee.

6. Building/Salt Shed-Discussion and then Vote

Motion	Favorable Action on Article 12 Building/Salt Shed				
1st	DM	2nd	AP	Vote	4-1-0
Vote: Yea: DM, AP, JK, JH NEA: CC Abstain: N/A					

The favorable members for the DPW building and Salt shed design see these improvements are needed. The unfavorable feel this should have gone to the capital committee.

ARTICLE 15: TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT: BIG Y FOODS, INC.
("TIF") -Discussion then Vote

Motion	Favorable Action on Article 15 TIF Agreement with Big Y Foods, Inc.				
1st	CC	2nd	DM	Vote	4-1-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, RM, AP, JH NEA: JK Abstain: N/A					

The Favorable members feel this will benefit the town and expand the business base. This only affects the property tax. The personal property, fixtures, refrigeration equipment, etc, is still taxed.

The unfavorable member, although fully in support of Big Y, is not in favor of the language in subparagraph a of the Article approving the capital TIF "substantially in the form" as is it currently exists. This was not a completely negotiated contract but appears to have been more of a unilateral requirement submitted by Big Y.

ARTICLE 20: STREET ACCEPTANCE: HYDE PARK CIRCLE -Discussion of Article,
Missing Items and then how we could vote. Vote then taken.

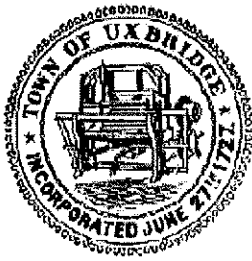
Motion	No Action without prejudice on Article 20				
1st	JK	2nd	CC	Vote	5-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, AP, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

The committee feels we did not receive all the information required to provide a recommendation on this Article.

2. New business to be set for discussion at next FinCom Meeting-Discussion of setting the topic of this session's review of Articles and how to approach next Warrant Article Reviews.

Motion	Adjourn FinCom Meeting at 9:03 pm				
1st	CC	2nd	JK	Vote	5-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, AP, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

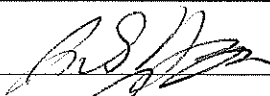

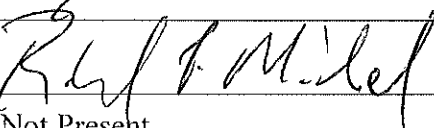
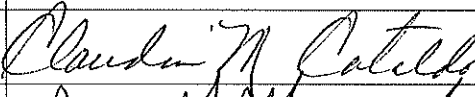
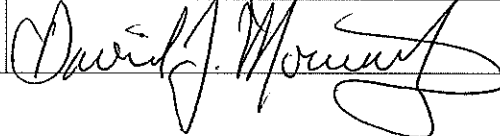
Video replay of meeting available at: <https://www.uxbridgetv.org/index.php/video/2023-04-25/finance-committee-04252023>



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		5/24/23
Bob White	Not Present	
Art Poisson		
Claudia Cataldo		5/22/23
David Moriarty		5/22/23

Vote to approve meeting minutes of April 25, 2023 was taken by roll call vote on

Motion	Approve Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2023				
1st		2nd		Vote	
Roll Call Vote:		Abstain:			

