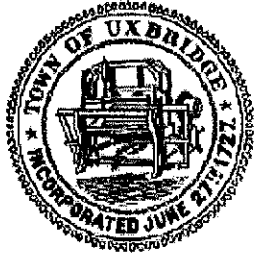


# Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts

## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes



REC'D TOWN CLERK  
2023 JUN 1 AM 9:27

Meeting Date: Tuesday April 4, 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*				

CC appears via Zoom

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

JH Does Roll Call of all FinCom Members as indicated above

Board of Selectmen Opens Their Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call Vote by Chair Butler

Present-Peter Demers (PD), Steve Mandile(SM), John Wise(JW), Brian Butler(BB), Jeff Shaw (JS) (arrival 6:20 pm)\*

Flag-Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

a. Article 16: Historic Districts Expansion: Mendon, North Main and Capron Streets-Presenter has not yet arrived

Motion	Article 16: Historic Districts Expansion: Mendon, N. Main & Capron Streets-Take Article out of Order				
1st	JK	2nd	BW	Vote	5-0-0

## b. Article 3: FY2024 Town Budget

## i. Uxbridge Public Schools

Power Point Presentation by Superintendent Dr. Michael Baldassarre and Director of Finance & Operations Donald Aicardi. Review Budget Goals; Needs Based Methodology; Selected Statistics (5 year Delta & DESE); Transportation/Athletic Fees 2024 Budget does not include as funding source-discussion why; Overview of spending from Grants, Revolving Accounts and Town Embedded Expenses; Budget Overview-Amounts from General Fund and Alternate Funding authorized in 2023 & School Comm. approved for 2024 total increase of 8.24% (Alternate funding increase of 38.78 and General Fund 3.5%); Breakdown of FY23 vs FY24 Budget Expenses; Historical Review of Alternative Funding (Grants & Revolving Funds from FY20 to FY24); Review of all the separate FY24 Alternative Funding devices; Discussion Major Variations from FY23 including FY24 factors contributing to change; Discussion Trends in School Choice including Out of District Tuition and Transportation Trends, and how School District needs to address the growing student trend out of Uxbridge Public Schools.

Motion	Untable Article 16: Historic Districts Expansion: Mendon, North Main & Capron Streets				
1st	JK	2nd	BW	Vote	5-0-0
Roll Call Vote: Yea: CC, AP, BW, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

a. Article 16: Historic Districts Expansion: Mendon, North Main and Capron Streets-Sponsors Uxbridge Historic District Commission ("UHDC") & Uxbridge Historic Commission-Presentation by Jane Keegan, UHDC Chair. Explained it will add 93 additional homes to current Historic District ("HD") (which is 103 homes/businesses). Maps illustrating existing and proposed HD are attached to Warrant. Correspondence (2-one sent certified mailed with only 46 certification receipts returned) has gone out to all Home & Business Owners to be included in proposed expansion explaining what it is/requires re front exterior, including a copy of listed exemptions from the Uxbridge Bylaws. First mailing included a questionnaire for return to UHDC-but only 14 returns. Discussion re MA State Historical Commission's assertion, that Historic District designation maintains or increases home value.

c. Article 1: Bills Of Prior Fiscal Year - Presented by Town Manager (TM) Steve Sette-Uxbridge Police Dept. bill from June 2021 for tactical items/equipment/uniforms presented. Copy of bill provided to FinCom and BOS. Total owing since 7/21 is \$896.94. Questioned why owing for so long, TM was not sure.

d. Article 2: FY2023 Snow and Ice Deficit - Presentation by Steven Sette and Benn Sherman Overview 18 snow events over 48 hours in duration. Discussion of items included as set forth in published Article, specifically possible capital purchase of brining system to treat salt to be used as a pretreatment before a storm event. Stops snow accumulation on roads. Mr. Sherman indicates this is a pilot project DPW has been wanting to complete for some time

e. Article 6: Cable PEG Access Television Enterprise Fund Budget - TM Sette Presents with proposed budget on screens. Overview of status of Cable use etc. Fees only for cable & not internet. Discussion re Spectrum fka Charter current contract with Town and possible renegotiation done in unity with other nearby towns.

f. Article 7: Revolving Fund Accounts - TM Sette Presentation. Discussion of Town's spending limits for Town's MGL Chapter 44 section 53E ½ Revolving funds adopted in Ch. 2-4 of Town's Bylaws; Delineation of all of the departments and fund requests as set forth in the published Warrant Article.

g. Article 17: Adoption of Increased Sealer Fees - TM Sette Presentation: Scale fees that Town charges to businesses & individuals. Town has to pay State for these fees and State raised fee to \$2500 for this service. This Article seeks to increase fees to pass the state increase onto customers. Not revenue generating

Motion	Continue Public Hearing to tomorrow April 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm				
1st	JK	2nd	BW	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 in favor-Brian Butler, Peter Demers, Steve Mandile, John Wise & Jeff Shaw

2. Review and Act upon Outstanding Meeting Minutes-Chair JH passes over indicating will complete after this Public Hearing is closed

3. New Business to be Discussed at Next FinCom Meeting: None

Motion	Adjourn FinCom Meeting at 9:13 pm				
1st	JK	2nd	CC	Vote	5-0-0
Roll Call Vote: Yea: CC, AP, BW, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

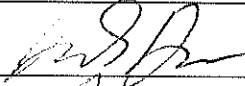



Video replay of meeting available at: <https://archive.uxbridgetv.org/Video/8497>



## 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		
Art Poisson		5/23/23
Claudia Cataldo		5/22/23

Vote to approve meeting minutes of April 4, 2023 was taken by roll call vote on

Motion	Approve Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2023				
1st		2nd		Vote	
Roll Call Vote: Abstain:					