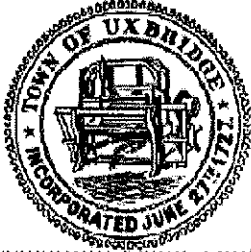


# Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts

## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes



RECD UXB TOWN CLERK  
2023 JUN 14 09:23

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 6, 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	David Moriarty (DM)	P
Claudia Cataldo (CC)	P				

Participating remotely via Zoom

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

JH Does Roll Call of all FinCom Members as indicated above, noting/introducing new member  
DM

Board of Selectmen ("BOS"); Chair Butler Opens Their Meeting at 6:01 pm

Roll Call Vote by Chair Butler

Present-Peter Demers(PD), John Wise(JW), Jeff Shaw(JS), Brian Butler(BB)

Flag-Pledge of Allegiance

Motion	Re-Open Public Hearing-2023 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles				
1st	JK	2nd	AP	Vote	6-0-0
Roll Call Vote: Yea: DM, CC, AP, BW, JK, JH      Abstain: N/A					

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

#### a. Article 3: FY 2024 Budget

i. Norfolk County Agricultural High School-Presentation by Superintendent John Martin;  
Review letter from Superintendent Martin Uxbridge Students-14 currently enrolled, 5 are  
seniors; 13 Applicants for the new Freshman Class; Total cost per student is \$26,355 & does  
include transportation; School's Board of Trustees sets tuition assessment; Acceptance rate is per  
state regs which informs that preference should be given to in county residents, so they do look  
more closely at in county vs out of county students, but there is no ratio set for the same; Did not

know what percentage of Uxbridge students applied versus accepted but offered to get this info to FinCom and BOS; Does not qualify for Chapter 71 for regional transportation

ii. Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional High School-Presentation by Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Superintendent joined by School Committee liaison Jim Midling a BVT graduate who works for a company owned by a BVT grad and whose preference is to hire BVT grads. Dr. Fitzpatrick provided budget booklet; 16 Additional students from Uxbridge admitted for next year-so total students population for 2024 will be 136; Total Cost per student without Bond Debt which Uxbridge exempts, is \$15,687, with Bond Debt it would be \$16,157; 19th year of 20th year of debt service; Dr. Fitzpatrick does anticipate a subsequent debt request at 18-20 million based upon his projections re capital investments in infrastructure with first impact FY2026; 3% increase in cost; Reviews BVT's self financing items, including doing its own work by students w/faculty and capital projects (so all physical items, including school buildings etc.)—BVT policy is to avoid any further assessment to Towns. Discusses in more detail BVT's 2024 budget; General discussion of significant drop in MA student enrollment in public schools

b. Article 13: Appropriation For CMRPC Per Capita Rate-Presentation by Town Manager ("TM") Steve Sette - This is a housekeeping type item; TM explains CMRPC provides a lot of great services to Town, especially with Planning; Uxbridge's contribution has gone up by \$106.49. Total contribution for 2024 is \$4,361; June 8 is their annual meeting; Discussion of what Commission has done for Town including handling all paperwork for our 300K green communities grant; Did all the maps for the Historical Comm.; Drafted proposed Zoning

c. Article 15: Tax Increment Financing Agreement: Big Y Foods Inc-Pass Over

d. Article 18: Authorize the Board Of Selectmen to Submit Special Legislation to General Court Amending the Charter to Change the Name to Select Board - Presentation by TM- Last Town Meeting couldn't get this passed; After consultation with Town Counsel, BOS decided to attempt this change in the manner proposed by the Article, but they didn't intend that it just changed the Charter. If this passes, then a bill would be submitted to the State Legislature for vote, which can take up to 1 year; Charter supersedes all other Town documents; There is also a separate Article in the Warrant which is a Citizen's Petition to do the same change to the Zoning and General Bylaws; Discussion regarding whether these should be combined into one Article by BOS or remain in manner currently proposed by Warrant

e. Article 19: Route 122 Reconstruction Project Phase 2 Authorization to Acquire Permanent and Temporary Easements (Department of Public Works): Presentation by TM and DPW Director Benn Sherman; This is for an easement encompassing just the Right of Way ("ROW") on the part of S Main Street owned by the Town. This is a requirement under federal law.

f. Article 20: Street Acceptance: Hyde Park Circle-Presented by TM; Review Subdivision As Built Plan attached to Warrant-Road has been completed & everything required for public acceptance at Town Meeting has been done: Approved by Planning Board, BOS and all other entities as required by Uxbridge regulations; JK had question whether the 2022 Modification to the Subdivision had been completed; No one knew so JK will email Planning Board cc'ing Chair JH re the same

Motion	Continue Public Hearing to 6:00 pm Tuesday 4/11/23				
1st	CC	2nd	AP	Vote	6-0-0
Roll Call Vote: Yea: DM, CC, AP, BW, JK, JH                      Abstain: N/A					

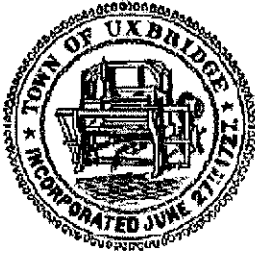
BOS Adjourns its meeting via Motion & Second and Roll Call Vote all in favor: Peter Demers, John Wise, Jeff Shaw, by Brian Butler

2. Review and Act upon Outstanding Meeting Minutes-None at present; JH indicates will wait until Public Hearings are completed to review and vote on any Minutes.

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

Motion	Adjourn FinCom Meeting at 7:31 pm				
1st	CC	2nd	AP	Vote	6-0-0
Roll Call Vote: Yea: DM, CC, AP, BW, JK, JH                      Abstain: N/A					

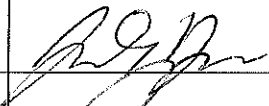
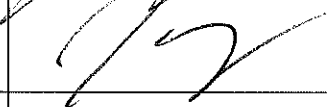

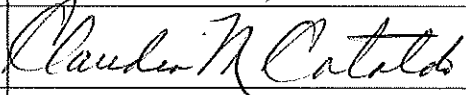
Video replay of meeting available at: <https://archive.uxbridgetv.org/Video/8517>



## 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
David Moriarty		

Vote to approve meeting minutes of April 6, 2023 was taken by roll call vote on

Motion	Approve Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2023				
1st		2nd		Vote	
Roll Call Vote: Abstain:					