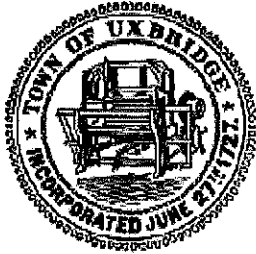


# Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts

## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes



REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK  
2023 JUN 7 AM 10:07

Meeting/ Date: Tuesday, April 18, 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				

Participating remotely via Zoom

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

JH Does Roll Call of all FinCom Members as indicated above

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

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

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 15: Tax Increment Financing Agreement: Big Y Foods Inc. - TM presents providing a copy of the Proposed Tiff Agreement-High Level Overview; Big Y making a 16 million dollar commitment to build a new grocery store in the location of the Sampson Mansion adjacent to the former Cocke N Kettle restaurant; Purpose of this TIFF is for Big Y to recoup some money on the 16 million outlay related to road improvement; Initial Proposal was to install a roundabout with merging from 146 and 122 and the entrance/exit from the BigY; Town wants a signaled

intersection; The TIFF is to help Big Y pay for this; It is a 10 year TIFF which is currently proposed; The property has a current base valuation of \$1,186,600; Using current dollars over the 10 year period is \$17,970;  $\$223K \times 10 = \$2,333,000$  is the tax value Town would collect over this 10 year period. The proposal contains a graduated increase in amount of tax for each year. Year one (1) Town receives the minimum tax payment ; Year 2 tax payment = \$44K; Year 3 = \$68K; 10th year for a total 10 year tax payment of \$1,306,000. \$925K Annually is the savings Big Y receives.

Discussion as to whether this project could be abandoned if TIF not granted. Traffic Impact; Need for another Supermarket

b. Article 3: FY2024 Town Budget- Continued-TM presents using the specific Budget allocations for each department emailed to FinCom and BOS and up on Screen at meeting

1. Assessor's Office - TM presents - Overview of staff and costs associated; 1 employee is recently certified assessor which will be a big difference in staffing; 22% increase from last year; Mainly for the proposed data; 3 vehicles are used by more than just assessor's office-white ford and 2 police vehicles; Discussion of Patriot Contract which went up

2. Land Use - TM presents - 2 employees-one works 15 hours and other is 12 hours; 1 employee is dedicated to land use and one is dedicated to zoning; Advertising is line-itemed b/c payments come from Applicants, but that money goes into general fund b/c it is revenue

3. Planning - TM presents - Senior Planner is part-time; Junior Planner is full-time; Both Planners are split in payment with the other Towns (Millville and Mendon); Went up but that is b/c money is split almost evenly with Mendon, and just minor amount from Millville; TM will get us these amount.

4. Conservation - TM presents - We have a full-time conservation agent-Salary had a 3% increase per contract; Total budget 4% increase-3% is the union contract required increase in salary

5. Inspections - TM presents - Salaries went up \$22K b/c building department did not get salary increase b/c of a retirement; Class and Comp study indicated we were under paying the Building Commissioner and that is why the salary offered was increased; Administration up 2% per contract; Other Professional Services not needed this year because last year TM had to get people to cover the retiree leaving; Dept is up b/c of increase in pay to the Building Inspector; Dept collected 600K just for Amazon permitting.

6. Board of Selectmen - TM presents - Admin for BOS and Professional Development; Up 3% reflecting union required increase in salary

7. Town Manager - TM presents - Increase to TM salary from ; TM was offered a new TM position with another Town; BOS renegotiated salary with TM to \$173K; Admin salary increase of 3%; Last fall BOS appointed him to manage as hearing officer-not included in stipend b/c TM opted not to take this amount

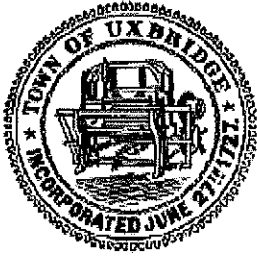
Motion	Continue Public Hearing to Wed. 4/19/23 at 6:00 pm				
1st	CC	2nd	AP	Vote	5-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, AP, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

BOS Adjourns its meeting via Motion by JW, 2nd by SM Roll Call Vote all in favor: Peter Demers, Steve Mandile, John Wise, Brian Butler,

2. New business to be set for discussion at next FinCom Meeting: JH discusses wanting to set another meeting for next Tuesday 4/25 after BOS Monday night meeting re Article 15 Big Y TIFF for FinCom and any other Articles FinCom needs to complete on its debate and recommendations; Agreed he will try to get a room in Town Hall for this meeting

Motion	Adjourn FinCom Meeting at 7:52 pm				
1st	CC	2nd	AP	Vote	5-0-0
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, AP, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

Video replay of meeting available at: <https://archive.uxbridgetv.org/Video/8547>



## Finance Committee Approval Sheet

Meeting Date: 2023

Place:

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

Vote to approve meeting minutes of April 18, 2023 was taken by roll call vote on

Motion	Approve Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023				
1st		2nd		Vote	
Roll Call Vote:          Abstain:					