Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts Finance Committee Meeting Minutes





Meeting/ Date: Wednesday, April 19, 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**			1	

^{*}Participated Remotely via Zoom

Call to Order: 6:01 pm

JH Does Roll Call of all FinCom Members as indicated above

Board of Selectmen Opens Their Meeting at 6:01 pm Call to Order and Roll Call by Chair Butler-Present-Peter Demers (PD), John Wise(JW), Steve Mandile(SM), 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	DM	2nd	AP	Vote 4-0-0			
Vote: Yea: DM, AP, JK, JH Abstain: N/A							

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

^{**}Present at 6:54 pm

- 1. Town Clerk Up 15% because of increased hours for the part-time clerk who going from 19 to 30 hours; Town Clerk presents: Upcoming cycle for voting, especially in person early voting for probably 21 days; Past Nov. general election they did State mandated 21 days for early voting; Primary now also has to be done for 21 days as well; Mail in ballots-they get touched 12 times and the hours spent on mail in is more expensive; Also Prof. Development increased by \$500; Rest of Line Items remain the same; BOS Demers advises that dept. should be more data driven. Similar to Senior Center which keeps data on how many meals served each day; transportation use etc.; MA Town Clerk's Association constantly keeping State Reps updated re the increased expense for changes in voting; PD still thinks we need more data driven salary
- 2. IT Dept TM presents Salary gone down by \$25K; IT is now going in-house with a known IT person Brad who was working for former vendor, and that reflects the reduction; Increase on Software licenses which have gone up reflecting increase in costs of software products

PD indicates that facilities of both Town and School should be coordinating for everything they can and RFP'ed together

- 3. Council on Aging TM presents Salaries up 3% reflecting automatic contractual increase; Reviews all the things they do at the Senior Center; A lot of activities; A lot of outreach; A lot of helping seniors with taxes, living situations etc.; Reviewed all the capital investment Town has done over the past few years; Capital Vehicles represents new apparatus they are purchasing for snow removal from the Van; General discussion by everyone of all the good things they do at the Senior Center
- 4. Library TM presents First line Dir & Asst Dir Salaries; Custodian services are now being provided by the same company that does cleaning for Town Hall; Overview of budget; Overall up only 1%; Library Director sends out a very thorough monthly report on data and what is going on; Discount tix for patrons of library that they pay for from the Circulation Supplies line item; Dir salary up 3%, Admin down as custodian retired and adservice now in-house
- 5. Legal TM presents Switched to KP Law which represents more municipalities than any other firm in the Commonwealth; The \$100K allocated is not a straight retainer, it is a prepaid retainer which is used, so at end of fiscal year there

Discussion of the two slides TM did for Town Meeting for capital expenditures for the school-playground and security features; Still a lot of pushback from BOS and FinCom for not having sufficient evidence supporting the playground request; Less pushback on the School security features

Motion	Close out the Public Hearing at 7:34 pm					
1st	DM	2nd AP Vote 5-0-0				
Vote: Yea: CC, DM, AP, JK, JH Abstain: N/A						

BOS Motion to Adjourn its meeting -1st Mandile & 2nd Wise. Approved via Roll Call Vote all in favor-Peter Demers, Steve Mandile, John Wise & Chair Butler

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

Motion	Adjourn FinCom Meeting at 7:38 pm				
1st	CC	2nd	AP	Vote	5-0-0
Vote: Yea: DM, CC, AP, JK, JH Abstain: N/A					

Video replay of meeting available at: https://archive.uxbridgetv.org/Video/8549



Finance Committee Approval Sheet

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Vote to approve meeting minutes of April 19, 2023 was taken by roll call vote on

Motion	Approve Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2023				
1st		2nd		Vote	
Roll Call Vote:	Abstain:				