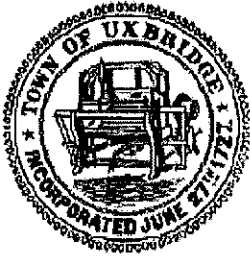


# Town of Uxbridge, Massachusetts

## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes



OFFICE UXB TOWN CLERK  
2023 NOV 21 AM 10:11

Meeting/ Date: Thursday, September 21, 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
Claudia Cataldo (CC) – Vice Chair	P	Bob White (BW)	P	David Moriarty (DM)	P
Deb Stark (DS) - Clerk	P				

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

**MOTION:** *Claudia Cataldo made a motion to reopen the public hearing for the fall town meeting to take place October 24. BW seconded the motion. The Committee voted 7-0 in favor of the motion. The motion passed.*

### 1. Public Hearing- Fall Annual Town Meeting Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> 2023- Warrant Articles

#### a. **Article 11:** Other Post-Employment Benefits

Town accountant Kurt Ginthwain shared background on the article. This article will be passed over because free cash will not be certified before fall town meeting. The intention is to bring this article back at spring town meeting.

#### b. **Article 4:** Approve FY 2024 Budget Adjustment

Mr. Ginthwain explained the article. He said it requests additional moneys that were not included in the original budget for areas he forecasts as potentially going into deficit. He gave a synopsis and answered questions for each of the requested amounts. There were discussions that explained issues Mr. Ginthwain has discovered within the accounting department and how he is working to address them. There was discussion that the town should consider having conversations on how it views the future of its financial department in terms of staffing and physical space. There was discussion on ways the town could share information to town residents prior to town meeting.

**c. Article 6:** Town Wide Forensic Audit

BOS Chair Shaw shared the process the BOS is undergoing to determine the intent of the audit. They believe they would like to audit 2021-23 and are working with Mr. Ginthwain to help determine the scope of what will be audited. Schools will be included in the audit. Mr. Shaw said the timing for the audit was appropriate due to the recent turnovers throughout the town's financial departments.

MOTION: *Jim Hogan entertained a motion to continue the public hearing for the fall annual town meeting with warrant articles to September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. Richard Michel moved the motion. CC seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0. **The motion passed.***

**2. Discuss Town Liability for OPEB and Pension**

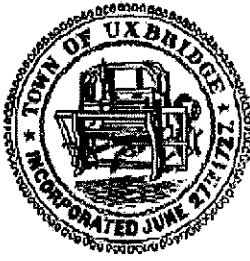
Mr. Ginthwain led an extensive discussion explaining the town's pension and OPEB reports and liabilities. In spring, the town plans to request that a \$350K annual appropriation be included in the operating budget to help offset its liability.

**3. New business to be set for discussion at next Fincom Meeting**

JH shared that Superintendent Fitzpatrick has invited the Finance Committee to visit BVT. He will reach out to the Superintendent to discuss scheduling.

MOTION: *Jim Hogan entertained a motion to adjourn. Richard Michel moved the motion. BW seconded the motion. The Committee voted in favor of the motion 7-0. **The motion passed.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:48PM.



## Finance Committee Approval Sheet

Meeting Date: 09/21/2023

Place: Town Hall

Name	Signature	Date
Jim Hogan, Chair	<i>Jim Hogan</i>	11/16/23
Claudia Cataldo, Vice Chair	<i>Claudia M. Cataldo</i>	11/16/23
Deb Stark, Clerk		
Bob White		
Art Poisson	<i>Art Poisson</i>	11/16/23
Richard Michel	<i>R. Michel</i>	11/16/23
David Moriarty	<i>David Moriarty</i>	11/16/23

