

**HOLLISTON FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 7, 2014**

The Committee convened in Room 105 at the Town Hall at 7:04 PM. Present from the Committee were Chairman Ken Szajda, Vice Chairperson Michelle Zeamer, Dan Alfred, Charlie Kaslow, Bill Dowd, Beth Liberty and Brendan Shea.

1. Open Meeting Law reminder – Ken Szajda pointed out that each member had a collection of documents at their seat that were intended to remind everyone of the obligations of the Open Meeting Law. Ken reported that a member had written e-mails with opinions to all members of the Committee during last week's meeting. Ken had contacted the Attorney General's office and had received confirmation that such behavior was a violation of the Open Meeting Law. Ken emphasized the importance of complying with the Open Meeting Law.
2. Minutes – Moved by Bill Dowd, Seconded by Dan Alfred to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting. Ken made several revisions and the amended minutes were put to a vote. Six in favor, none opposed, one abstention (Kaslow), the motion carried. Moved by Bill Dowd, Seconded by Dan Alfred to approve the minutes of the meeting on September 30, 2014. Ken asked that the e-mails circulated during this meeting be incorporated into the minutes and the revised minutes were put to a vote. Six in favor, none opposed, one abstention (Kaslow), the motion carried.
3. Capital Planning – Town Administrator Paul LeBeau said that with all the capital plan commentary and e-mails about by-laws, and the duties of the Town Administrator, he believed the important thing to focus on is embarking on a collaborative process involving all parties to get to the kind of plan that the Finance Committee was looking for. He said that the special act creating the position of Town Administrator tasks the Town Administrator with providing the Finance Committee with the capital requests for the upcoming year only. In fact, a five year capital projection has been published for the last 20 years. The General by-laws empower the Finance Committee to create a subcommittee to define a capital plan. Paul said he was willing and believed others were as well and was hopeful that working together, we could get there. Bill Dowd pointed out that collaboration was important, but that it was also important to acknowledge that the Capital Plan printed in the May 2014 FinCom report was incomplete and did not fully correlate to the capital requests being put before the FinCom now. Bill said that it was unfortunate that the May report was published as it was, and was hopeful that by the time of the next FinCom report to Annual Town Meeting, it could be more complete and comprehensive.
4. Deliberations on Capital Spending – Members commented on the amount of money that each thought should be spent on Capital, and the projects each believed should be funded. Beth Liberty suggested that the Committee reconsider its consensus from last week to pay the entire \$375,000 cost of the Fire pumper from the Capital Expenditure Fund. She thought it was worth looking at borrowing for the pumper. Committee members reiterated the consensus to not borrow to pay for the pumper. Following that, Ken Szajda sought to confirm the projects for which a consensus was possible. The following projects had the support of the full Committee: Sr. Center stairs and ramp, Fire Department pagers, Schools Priority 1 items, Library trim painting. Moving on, the following projects were supported by a majority of the Committee: Police cruisers, DPW backhoe, Police computers, Schools Priority 2 list and DPW dump truck. Following further discussion, two additional items developed consensus support: Fire Chief car and Police admin vehicle. The issue of the final source of funds was put off until after the discussion on Warrant Articles.

- a. Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town appropriate \$23,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for Fire Department pagers. Seven in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, the motion carried.
- b. Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town appropriate \$3,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for stairs and ramp replacement at the Senior Center. Seven in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, the motion carried.
- c. Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town appropriate \$79,332 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for two Police cruisers. Six in favor, one opposed (Dowd), no abstentions, the motion carried.
- d. Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town appropriate \$91,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for a DPW backhoe. Five in favor, two opposed (Kaslow and Dowd), no abstentions, the motion carried.
- e. Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town appropriate \$214,337 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for Chromebooks for the Middle School. Seven in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, the motion carried.
- f. Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town appropriate \$15,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for painting the trim at the Library. Seven in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, the motion carried.
- g. Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town appropriate \$50,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for a DPW dump truck. Seven in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, the motion carried.
- h. Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town appropriate \$54,130 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for the replacement of all computers at the Police Station. Seven in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, the motion carried.
- i. Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town appropriate \$54,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for wireless access at Placentino/Miller. Seven in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, the motion carried.
- j. Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town appropriate \$50,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for the Fire Chief's vehicle. Six in favor, one opposed (Dowd), no abstentions, the motion carried.
- k. Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town appropriate \$27,665 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for a Police admin vehicle. Five in favor, two opposed (Kaslow and Dowd), no abstentions, the motion carried.

The total amount of recommended Capital purchases is \$661,464.

5. Warrant Articles – The Committee reviewed the draft Warrant (Attachment I).
  - a. Article 1. Late Bills. Town Administrator Paul LeBeau reviewed the bills being presented for payment. Bill Dowd expressed his objection to continuing issue of late bills. Bill pointed out that approving late bills represented an increase in departmental budgets. Ken Szajda and Paul LeBeau pointed out that that may not be true depending on the end of year budget status for these budgets. Bill acknowledged that that could be true, but that given that these bills represented services rendered before June 30, 2014 and for which Department Heads had until July 15, 2014 to either pay the bill or encumber the cost, there just should not be that

- many. Bill further pointed out that late bills are frowned upon in the law as evidenced by the fact that it requires a 4/5's vote of Town Meeting to pay. Ken and Paul reiterated that this was a quirk of municipal finance. Bill commented that even though it might be light years away from where we are now, he was insistent that procedures should evolve to resolve this late bill practice. Paul LeBeau took exception to the "light years away" comment and thought it was inappropriate. Following a discussion of the bills, Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town raise and appropriate \$14,202.89 and appropriate \$2,157.64 from Water Surplus for the payment of late bills as shown in the Warrant. Six in favor, one opposed (Dowd), no abstentions, the motion carried.
- b. Article 2. Omnibus budget adjustments. Town Administrator Paul LeBeau reported that the Library changes were to realign line items with no net change to the total budget voted in May. The \$8,000 for the Fire Department was to cover unexpected repairs to Engine 4 in July. The Chief reported that failure to increase the budget amount could result in several Reserve Fund Transfer requests later in the year. Bill Dowd wanted to make sure that this adjustment would not create a new starting point for that budget going into FY16 budgets. Moved by Bill Dowd, Seconded by Dan Alfred that the Finance Committee recommend favorable action on Article 2 and that the Town raise and appropriate \$8,000 for that purpose. Seven in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, the motion carried.
  - c. Article 3. Conversion to DPW budgets and Water Enterprise Fund accounting. Paul LeBeau reported that the proposal renames the budgets and restates the Water budget in Enterprise Fund format. The Committee asked for more information on this before taking action.
  - d. Articles 4, 5 and 6. Annual Free Cash, Stabilization and Capital Expenditure Fund allocations. Since Free Cash is still not final, the Committee deferred action on these items until a later meeting.
  - e. Article 7. OPEB Funding. The Committee suggested that this article be deleted. If it stays, Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend indefinite postponement of Article 7. Seven in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, the motion carried.
  - f. Article 8. Auction of surplus equipment. The Committee took no action on this article.
  - g. Article 9. Capital Expenditures. Committee already voted on this above.
  - h. Article 10. Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Ken Szajda reported that the CPC would be in next week to present their proposals.
  - i. Article 11. Library and Senior Center repairs. Having resolved these issues in Article 9, the Committee suggested that this article be removed.
  - j. Article 12. Testing at Marshall St. Recycling area. It was not clear what the proposal was. The Board of Health will be asked to provide explanation and justification.
  - k. Article 13. Downtown traffic lights. Selectmen Jay Leary reported that the Board of Selectmen is seeking \$275,000 for the purpose of obtaining design and engineering specifications for the installation of traffic lights in downtown Holliston and the reconstruction of the roads and intersections in that area. Bill Dowd pointed out that this was actually a \$1.5 to \$1.7 million project. Bill asked Jay to confirm that the Board had actually endorsed the full project and this was just the first phase. Jay confirmed that. Dan Alfred asked Jay how the Board proposed to fund it. Jay suggested Free Cash. Dan clarified his question to refer to the entire cost of the project. Jay said he wasn't sure. Dan suggested that this be viewed as a project in total and that it be considered as a debt exclusion override. The only practical time to take such action is in May, because the override requires a question on the ballot. Jay indicated that some may be

distressed at the further delay until the spring. There was a consensus of the FinCom to follow Dan's suggestion and Jay said he would take it up with his Board at the next Selectmen's meeting.

- l. Article 14 (two of them). Rail Trail and Open Space acquisition. Both articles would accomplish land acquisitions if supported by CPC or funded from some other source. The Committee deferred action until after the CPC discussion.
  - m. Article 15. Rescinding of borrowing authority for Bullard Farm conservation restriction. Town Administrator Paul LeBeau reported that the deal has not proceeded and the borrowing authority should be rescinded. Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend favorable action on Article 15. Seven in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, the motion carried.
6. Fire Pumper funding – As was voted at the meeting on September 30, 2014, and to deal with the previously voted borrowing authority, Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town appropriate \$175,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for the purchase of the Fire Pumper and to rescind the borrowing authority for this purpose previously voted under Article 7 of the Warrant for the October 28, 2013 Special Town Meeting. Six in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, one absent (Liberty), the motion carried.
7. Funding of Capital Spending – Ken Szajda reminded the Committee that all votes identify the Capital Expenditure Fund as the source of funds. The question before the Committee is whether or not there is a consensus to use funds from any other source to leave a larger balance in the Capital Expenditure Fund after all of the approved projects have been funded. Dan Alfred proposed that \$85,000 of Free Cash be added to the Capital Expenditure fund. There was another suggestion to use \$187,464 in Free Cash. After a discussion, Moved by Dan Alfred, Seconded by Michelle Zeamer that the Finance Committee recommend that the Town raise and appropriate \$85,000 to the Capital Expenditure Fund. Six in favor, one opposed (Dowd), no abstentions, the motion carried.
8. Draft Warrant Message – Ken Szajda reported that he would circulate the message for comments and suggestions, but to wait until the meeting next week to share them.
9. By-Law change – Charlie Kaslow suggested a change to the Town's by-laws with regard to the wording regarding the elected officers of the Committee. Given that by-law changes are normally handled at Annual Town Meeting in May and that there may be other changes to consider, it was suggested that this matter be postponed until a later date. There was a consensus to do so.
10. Financial Policies – Beth Liberty reported that she had met with Town Administrator Paul LeBeau to discuss the Stabilization policy. Beth reported progress on developing definitions and application of the policy. There was a consensus for Beth to continue her work.
11. Adjournment - At 10:05 PM moved by Dan Alfred, seconded by Michelle Zeamer to adjourn the meeting. Seven in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 10/14/14 \_\_\_\_\_

*Final minutes*

*10/7/14*

*Attachment I*

**Town of Holliston, Massachusetts**

**Report of the**

**FINANCE  
COMMITTEE**

**for the**

**October 27, 2014 Special Town Meeting**

**To the Citizens of the Town of Holliston:**

The Finance Committee respectfully submits this warrant and associated articles for your consideration.

Financial Update

The October Special Town Meeting is our opportunity to work with actual information on a number of significant assumptions that we used in May, and finalize our FY15 spending plan. Here are the key updates since our last report in May:

1. Local Aid – State revenue continues to be uneven, leading to continued uncertainty in local aid forecasts. Final net local aid for FY15 came in \$4,208 below forecast; this difference has no meaningful impact on the FY15 budget.
2. Free Cash – At the close of each fiscal year on June 30, a final accounting of actual revenues and expenses is made and is compared with the revenue assumptions and appropriations voted by the Town. Any excess funds (such as revenue that exceeded targets or appropriations that were not completely expended) become “Free Cash” that can be applied to the following fiscal year’s budget. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue recently certified our Free Cash at \$1.358 million which is \$858,776 more than was estimated in our budget model. This was primarily due to increased local receipts (excise tax, etc.).
3. Reserves – One of the Finance Committee’s financial priorities had been to build our reserves – Stabilization Fund and Capital Expenditure Fund – up to a level that represents 5% of our Omnibus budget. Recently bond rating agencies have been emphasizing a different definition of reserves: the sum of the Stabilization Fund and Free Cash. This is an important metric used by bond rating agencies—the rating Holliston receives directly impacts our debt borrowing costs. With the recent economic downturn, rating agencies have been raising their reserve requirements; the Finance Committee now uses an 8.1% target. Using the new definition of reserves, the Town’s non-OPEB reserves stand at approximately \$3.437 million which is 6.4% of the FY14 Omnibus budget.

4. OPEB Trust Fund – A year ago, the Finance Committee recommended and Town Meeting voted to seek special legislation authorizing the Town to establish a separate trust for our Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liabilities. These liabilities are primarily related to health insurance benefits the Town provides its retirees. The legislation has received favorable action but has not yet been enacted into law. Holliston is currently holding \$3.3 million in the Stabilization Fund for an initial deposit into the trust; this amount is not included in the reserve calculation above. This, combined with a projected \$1,500,000 annual appropriation over the next 23 years should bring the Town to full funding of this obligation.

### Capital Spending

For several years the Finance Committee has recommended an ongoing annual commitment of \$350,000 per year for capital purchases. In FY13, that was increased to \$486,000. Due to a recognized need for greater funding, the Finance Committee recommended and Town Meeting approved increasing the set-aside to \$550,000 beginning in FY14. Although capital purchases are usually approved at the Special Town Meeting, due to seasonal issues three capital purchases were approved in May totaling \$278,500, leaving only \$271,500 for capital expenditures in FY14. Requests submitted to the Finance Committee totaled approximately \$1.125 million.

The Committee evaluated each capital proposal both on its own, and in the context of all the requests. In Article 7, the Finance Committee is recommending the following capital expenditures:

• Purchase of two police cruisers	\$ 86,634
• Replacement of the police handguns	\$ 4,000
• Replacement of Town computers and software	\$ 37,800
• Purchase of software modules for Town's accounting system	\$ 64,200
• Replacement of heating system at Flagg building	\$ 18,200
• Technology and building improvements in the schools	\$317,959
• Replacement of a fire department pumper truck	<u>\$200,000</u>
(total cost of \$375,000 with \$175,000 financed over 3 years)	
Total	\$728,793

In addition, the Finance Committee is recommending a new ambulance purchase using \$190,000 from the Ambulance Revolving Account. The recommended spending in excess of \$271,500 is funded from free cash and existing monies in the capital expenditure fund.

One of the Finance Committee priorities going forward is an update and expansion of the Town's Capital Plan to better track and plan for long term capital needs. The Finance Committee will be working with all Town boards and committees on this effort in the coming months so that we have a better view of capital needs in future years.

### Warrant Articles

The Finance Committee recommendations appear with each article in the warrant. Recommendations of note include:

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- Budget adjustments to the debt (-\$6,332), benefits (-\$18,757) and Board of Health (\$1,283) (Article 2);
- Using free cash to offset the amount of revenue raised through property taxes (Article 3);
- Capital recommendations outlined above (Article 7);
- Establishment of Enterprise Fund for the Water Department (Article 14).

As always, the Finance Committee is indebted to the many Town officials and employees whose efforts make this process and report possible. We also would like to commend the other elected and appointed committees with whom the Finance Committee interacts on an ongoing basis for all their cooperative efforts.

#### **HOLLISTON FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Kenneth S. Szajda, Chair  
William F. Dowd, Clerk  
Charles M. Kaslow  
Brendan T. Shea

Michelle F. Zeamer, Vice-Chair  
Daniel G. Alfred  
Elizabeth Liberty

#### **Fund balances available *prior* to the Finance Committee recommendations:**

Available for Appropriation (estimate)	\$ 17,395	Golf Course Capital	\$ 3,880
Ambulance Funds	\$ 112,782	Open Space Fund	\$ 207,056
Capital Expenditure Fund	\$2,230,467	Overlay Reserve	\$ 0
Community Preservation Fund	\$ 969,932	Stabilization Fund	\$2,589,382
Conservation Fund	\$ 15,134	Water Surplus	\$ 144,813
Free Cash (estimate)	\$1,000,000		

#### **Fund balances available *after* the Finance Committee recommendations:**

Available for Appropriation	\$ 0	Golf Course Capital	\$ 3,880
Ambulance Funds	\$ 112,782	Open Space Fund	\$ 207,056
Capital Expenditure Fund	\$1,605,467	Overlay Reserve	\$ 0
Community Preservation Fund	\$ 587,672	Stabilization Fund	\$5,778,836
Conservation Fund	\$ 15,134	Water Surplus	\$ 144,813
Free Cash (estimate)	\$ 0		

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Holliston

To any Constable of the Town of Holliston, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Holliston who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the High School Auditorium on:

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013**

at 7:30 p.m. to act on the following Articles, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for unpaid bills from prior years; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TOWN RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$14,202.89 AND APPROPRIATE \$2,157.64 FROM WATER SURPLUS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING INVOICES FOR SERVICES FROM PRIOR FISCAL YEARS (SIX IN FAVOR). The invoices include medical expenses, office supplies, legal services and building repairs.**

(Requests: copier services - \$351.87; golf course facility repairs - \$860.50; legal services - \$3,000; recycling services - \$690.30; testing services - \$3,945.72; supplies - \$12.64; computer services - \$7,500)

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing various accounts of the Town's fiscal year 2015 annual budget, previously voted by the Town under Article 14 of the Warrant for the 2014 Annual Town Meeting; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TOWN INCREASE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET BY \$8,000, REDUCE THE LIBRARY PERSONAL SERVICES BUDGET BY \$1,878, INCREASE THE LIBRARY SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS BUDGET BY \$1,878; ALL AS SHOWN IN THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE COLUMN BELOW (SIX IN FAVOR, ONE ABSENT).**

DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FY15 BUDGET	RECOMMENDED CHANGE	NEW FY15 BUDGET
FIRE DEPARTMENT 53000	20,800	8,000	28,800
LIBRARY 51000	304,801	(1,878)	302,923
LIBRARY 54000	75,496	1,878	77,374

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the fiscal year 2015 Omnibus Budget, previously voted under Article 14 of the Warrant for the 2014 Annual Town Meeting, to reflect the creation of a Department of Public Works and a water enterprise fund; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TOWN RETITLE THE HIGHWAY, SNOW & ICE AND WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGETS TO DPW - HIGHWAY, DPW- SNOW & ICE, DPW - MOTOR VEHICLE FUELS AND DPW - WATER, AND DESIGNATE A WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET AS FOLLOWS:**

DEPARTMENT	CURRENT FY15 BUDGET	RECOMMENDED CHANGE	NEW FY15 BUDGET
DPW - WATER 51000	735,681	0	735,681
DPW - WATER 52000	379,000	0	379,000



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DPW – WATER 53000	72,000	0	72,000
DPW – WATER 54000	228,000	0	228,000
DPW – WATER 56000	3,600	0	3,600
DPW – WATER 57000	853,656	0	853,656
DPW – WATER 58000	6,000	0	6,000
DPW – WATER INDIRECT EXPENSE	0	103,195	103,195
DPW – WATER RECEIPTS	0	2,381,132	2,381,132
DPW – WATER RETAINED EARNINGS	0	270,000	270,000

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the amount of money to be raised through property taxes for fiscal year 2015; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AT TOWN MEETING. Final figures were not available prior to the printing deadline for this Report. The Finance Committee expects to recommend a transfer of Free Cash of approximately \$1,200,000; the final, exact amount of Free Cash will be available at the time of Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TOWN RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$ FOR THE STABILIZATION FUND (SIX IN FAVOR, ONE ABSENT).**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Capital Expenditure Fund; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT (SIX IN FAVOR, ONE ABSENT).**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT (SIX IN FAVOR, ONE ABSENT).**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to hold a public auction for the purpose of disposing of surplus departmental equipment; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from

available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of capital expenditures, including replacement and new vehicles and equipment, for the Highway, Police, Fire, School, Library, Public Buildings, Technology and Park departments, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade or sell used equipment toward part of the purchase price; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TOWN APPROPRIATE \$175,0000 FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUND FOR A FIRE DEPARTMENT PUMPER ENGINE AND RESCIND THE BORROWING AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS PURPOSE PREVIOUSLY VOTED UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE WARRANT FOR THE OCTOBER 28, 2013 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING; (FIVE IN FAVOR, OPPOSED, ONE ABSENT).**

(Requests: Fire Pumper - \$175,000; School Technology - \$308,439; School buildings \$175,000; Fire Pagers - \$23,000; COA ramp - \$3,000; Police Cruisers - \$79,332; DPW backhoe - \$91,900; DPW dump truck - \$50,000; Police technology - \$54,130; Police tasers - \$9,600; Fire vehicle - \$50,000; Technology server - \$19,334; Police vehicle - \$27,665; Library painting - \$14,150.)

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2015 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of community preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year; or take any action relative thereto. **(Community Preservation Committee)**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TOWN APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$ (SIX IN FAVOR, ONE ABSENT).**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of completing repairs to the exterior of the Holliston Public Library building and the exterior of the Holliston Senior Center building; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TOWN (SIX IN FAVOR, ONE ABSENT).**

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of engineering, consulting and testing services for the preparation of and submittal to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection of a Beneficial Use Determination covering materials at the Marshall Street recycling area; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Health)**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TOWN (SIX IN FAVOR, ONE ABSENT).**

(Request: \$25,000.)

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(Possible request: \$550,000.)

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authorization previously voted under Article 9 of the Warrant for the October 28, 2013 Special Town Meeting regarding property acquisition; or take any action relative thereto. **(Treasurer/Collector)**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TOWN (SIX IN FAVOR, ONE ABSENT).**