

**Town of Holliston
Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2017**

The meeting convened at 6:40pm in the Library at Holliston High School. In attendance: Chairperson Ken Szajda, Vice Chairperson Michelle Zeamer, Clerk Vincent Murphy, Dan Alfred, Tim Maxwell, Suzanne Nersessian.

The Finance Committee and members of the School Committee discussed the \$30,000 capital request from the School Department to purchase a tractor and equipment for the maintenance of the artificial turf field. The members of the School Committee stated that this equipment would replace the \$5,000 currently annually budgeted for the maintenance of the fields.

The Committee recommended that before any additional equipment for maintenance of the school fields or school buildings be considered for purchased, that members of the School Committee and members of the School Administration continue to work with Sean Reese, Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW) and determine whether it would be prudent to have the DPW take over the maintenance of both the School Buildings and the School Fields. Mr. Szajda noted that it would be very beneficial to have a proposed plan for this consolidation of services to be presented to the Town at the Special Town Meeting to be held in October.

The School Committee agreed that it made sense to reach out to the DPW to consider other alternatives and withdrew their request. Mr. Szajda stated that since the School Committee was withdrawing their request to purchase the tractor and the equipment that the Committee would no longer need to vote on a recommendation concerning the purchase of this equipment.

Mr. Alfred then made a motion that the Committee adjourn to Town Meeting. Ms. Nersessian seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent J. Murphy, Jr.
Clerk