

Town of Holliston Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2017

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The meeting convened at 7:00pm in Room 105 at Holliston Town Hall. In attendance: Chairperson Ken Szajda, Vice Chairperson Michelle Zeamer, Clerk Benjamin Sparrell, Vincent Murphy, Suzanne Nersessian and Tim Maxwell. Absent: Daniel Alfred

The Finance committee first discussed Nancy Farrell's timecard. There is concern about having weeks from February 7 through May 8 (Town Meeting) and suggestions were made to request that the time submissions be made more promptly. Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Zeamer to approve the timecard. The motion was approved 4-0, Mr. Sparrell and Mr. Murphy abstained.

Next, was a presentation by Larry Dennon of the Balancing Rock Condominium Association and Attorney Richard Brooks from the Community Association Institution to discuss trash collection at condominium complexes in Holliston. The Chair reminded the presenter that the Finance Committee cannot vote on whether the condominium complexes should or should not have trash collection, rather the recommendation and vote needs to come from the selectmen. The Finance Committee would provide input to the Selectman's decision based on the financial implications for the town.

Chairman Szajda also helped to rectify the confusion about the process of getting a recommendation of the warrant before going to town meeting. For the Warrant that was discussed at the May 2017 Town Meeting, the Finance committee had made their recommendation based on the lack of information given to them at that time.

The two concerns noted by the Finance Committee were the potential liability insurance and cost. Attorney Brooks mentioned insurance should not and has not been an issue with other condominium complexes that he is aware of. Chairman Szajda indicated that Republic (town's trash contractor) had brought up this concern upon inquiry. The cost presented was based on a tipping fee (\$66/ton) and the private fee given to Balancing Rock (\$6700/year). All parties agreed to look further into the issue and determine what Republic would be charging for the increased trash. The presenter noted that they were likely going to look to get this included in the Warrant for the fall Town Meeting. More information would likely be required before the Finance Committee could make a proper recommendation.

The Finance Committee then reviewed the line-item-transfers from various agencies within the town. Certain of the line-item-transfers were voted on (see below). However, there were several questions on certain of the line-item-transfer requests. After some discussion, the Committee decided to hold a meeting on July 11th with representatives from several agencies presenting on the nature of the transfers. Those organizations are Police, the Assessors, and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zeamer, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,000. from Org. No. 01176, object 51113 to Org. No. 01176, object 53000. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zeamer, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$568.71. from Org. No. 01542, object 57100 to Org. No. 01542, object 53400. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zeamer, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$270. from Org. No. 01542, object 57100 to Org. No. 01542, object 53010. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zeamer, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$14,137.86 from Org. No. 01914, object 51750 to Org. No. 01914, object 51710. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zeamer, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$13,252.94 from Org. No. 01913, object 51780 to Org. No. 01945, object 57400. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zeamer, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$3,500 from Org. No. 01145, object 51113 to Org. No. 01145, object 53002. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zeamer, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$413.95 from Org. No. 01122, object 53000 to Org. No. 01122, object 51113. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zeamer, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$25. from Org. No. 01122, object 53000 to Org. No. 01122, object 54000. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zeamer, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,826.40 from Org. No. 01122, object 53000 to Org. No. 01122, object 57100. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zeamer, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,472.17 from Org. No. 01162, object 51205 to Org. No. 01162, object 53000. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zeamer, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$762.51 from Org. No. 01176, object 51113 to Org. No. 01176, object 53000. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zeamer, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$150. from Org. No. 01175, object 57100 to Org. No. 01175, object 53000. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zeamer, to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$826.53 from Org. No. 01182, object 51100 to Org. No. 01182, object 53000. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

A change Form for Nancy Farrell was brought before the committee. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Zeamer. The motion was approved 6-0, no abstentions.

Ms. Zeamer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Maxwell. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.