

Town of Holliston Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2018.

The meeting convened at 7:01pm in Room 105 at Holliston Town Hall. In attendance: Chairperson Ken Szajda, Vice Chairperson Michelle Zeamer, Clerk Ben Sparrell, Tim Maxwell, Sue Nersessian and Dan Alfred. Absent: Vincent Murphy.

Melissa Kaspern and Mark Frank from the Parks and Recreation Department addressed the Committee to adjust a perceived discrepancy concerning staff hours in FY19 budget. The Committee will consider this request for the fall Town Meeting.

Anne Louise Hanstad, Lisa Kocian and Andy Morton, members of the School Budget Subcommittee, presented an FY19 Fall Town Meeting Capital Request for \$290,000. The request will be reviewed and voted on at upcoming meetings of the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen. Critical items include a request for \$100,000 for Energy Management system; \$40,000 for the repair of the High School auditorium wall; \$30,000 to replace high school field house floor cleaning machine, \$28,000 to replace maintenance van; and \$20,000 to fund replacement of consumables. There is also a request for \$72,800 to repair the exterior wall of HS field house to address an aesthetic issue. Ms. Hanstad said that the need for air conditioning for second floor classrooms in Placentino, Adams, and the High School was being discussed and still to be determined.

The Committee discussed the Warrant for Fall Town Meeting. Issues raised included capital requests for \$275,000 for a roof replacement at 1750 Washington and \$141,909 for replacement of a Highway Dept. truck, which are not in the Capital Plan, and whether water meter replacement and service agreement costs should be paid out of billed fees account. Further discussion included schedule for CPC projects to be available for review prior to Fall Meeting, and re-voting the Town's moratorium on retail marijuana.

Mr. Szajda will ask Police Chief Matt Stone and DPW Director Sean Reese to discuss their capital requests with the Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2018.

Mr. Alfred made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Maxwell. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.