

Town of Holliston

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 25th, 2020

The meeting was held remotely under the guidelines that were issued because of the emergency caused by the COVID-19 virus. All votes taken during this meeting were done as a roll call vote.

Mr. Szajda called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. In attendance were Chairperson Ken Szajda, Vincent Murphy, Vice-Chair Daniel Alfred, Tim Maxwell, Michelle Zeamer, and Clerk Mark Whittaker. Sue Nersessian was absent.

Approval of minutes:

Edits were needed, and no approvals were made.

Liaison assignments:

The list was discussed and amended. The amended list was moved to be accepted by Tim Maxwell, and seconded by Michelle Zeamer. The motion passed 6-0.

Financial impacts of COVID-19, and the Cares act:

Chief Cassidy was attending another meeting going on at the same time as this meeting, so he was unable to present the COVID-19 update. A lengthy discussion was had around the Cares Act fund and how it may be best used. The concern is that the schools may need significant funds for safe re-opening, and that the School Committee needs to make sure that the Select Board is aware of their possible CARES Act funding needs.

Discussion of any matters concerning FY21 Budget as approved at Town meeting on July 20, 2020:

No new updates were presented.

Plans and anticipated meeting schedule for the October Town meeting:

Ken stated that he communicated with the Select Board Liaison, and directly with Ben Sparrell of the Select Board that if the state budget is not finalized in time for October Town Meeting that the FY21 budget can't be 'aligned' with final state numbers, as typically done in October. This alignment could be done next May, or October Town Meeting could be delayed until the state budget is finalized.

First sets of warrant articles for the October Town Meeting should be coming early September, with a draft warrant potentially available as soon as the 9th of September.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Alfred, and seconded by Tim Maxwell.

This motion passed 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.