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**Town of Holliston  
Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 10th, 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 Finance Committee to order at 7:00PM. In attendance were Chairperson Ken Szajda, Vice Chair Dan Alfred, Vincent Murphy, Michelle Zeamer, Sue Nersessian, Tim Maxwell and Clerk Mark Whittaker.

Other Notable attendees included Town Administrator Travis Ahern and Facilities Manager James Keast, Fire Chief Cassidy, and Tina Hein of the Select Board.

No administrative items were brought forth during this meeting.

The focus of discussion was the upcoming December 5<sup>th</sup> Special Town meeting, and the warrant articles as presented to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation. Below are the recommended votes as the outcome of those deliberations.

Article 1: The committee moved for favorable action on article 1. The motion was made by Vincent Murphy, seconded by Dan Alfred. This motion passed 7-0.

Article 2: The committee moved for favorable action on article 2. The motion was made by Vincent Murphy, seconded by Dan Alfred. This motion passed 7-0.

Article 3: The committee moved to recommend the town raise and appropriate \$400,000, and appropriate \$484,000 from the overlay for the purpose stated in the article. The motion was made by Dan Alfred, seconded by Vincent Murphy. The motion passed 7-0.

Article 4: The committee moved to recommend the town raise and appropriate \$325,000, and appropriate \$1,419,775 from free cash for the capital expenditure fund. The motion was made by Dan Alfred, seconded by Vincent murphy. The motion passed 7-0.

Article 5: Article 5 was deferred to future discussion due to more information being needed.

Article 6: Article 6 was deferred to future discussion due to more information being needed.

Article 7: Article 7 was deferred to future discussion due to more information being needed.

Article 8: The committee moved to recommend favorable action to appropriate \$40,000 from free cash for the purpose stated in the article. This was moved by Vincent Murphy, seconded by Dan Alfred. An amendment to the recommendation was made to state that our recommendation was not an endorsement of a large capital follow-on project. This motion passed 6-1 with Sue Nersessian as the no.

Article 9: The committee moved to recommend that the town appropriate \$75,000 from water retained earnings for the purpose stated in the article. The motion was made by Tim Maxwell, seconded by Vincent Murphy. The motion passed 7-0.

Article 10: The committee moved to recommend that the town appropriate \$2,800,000 from the water infrastructure fee fund/account for the purpose stated in the article. The motion was made by Vincent Murphy, seconded by Sue Nersessian. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Michelle Zeamer abstaining.

Article 11: The committee moved to recommend that the town appropriate \$850,000 from free cash for the purpose stated in the article. This was moved by Vincent Murphy, seconded by Sue Nersessian. The motion passed 7-0.

Article 12: The committee moved to recommend that the town appropriate \$93,200 from free cash for purpose stated in the article. This was moved by Tim Maxwell, seconded by Sue Nersessian. The motion was then amended to note that the numbers were incorrect, and the correct number was \$92,300. The motion was amended by Tim Maxwell, seconded by Sue Nersessian. The motion passed 7-0.

Article 13: The committee moved to recommend that the town appropriate \$54,900 from free cash for the purpose stated in the article. This was moved by Vincent Murphy seconded by Dan Alfred. The motion passed 7-0.

Article 14: The committee moved to recommend that the town appropriate \$54,500 from free cash for the purpose stated in the article. This was moved by Vincent Murphy, seconded by Tim Maxwell. The motion passed 6-1 with Dan Alfred voting no.

Article 15: Article 15 was deferred to future discussion due to more information being needed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Alfred, seconded by Sue Nersessian. The motion passed 7-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM.