

**Town of Holliston**

**Finance Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

**December 1st, 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 7:02PM. In attendance were Chairperson Ken Szajda, Vice Chair Dan Alfred, Sue Nersessian, Vincent Murphy, Michelle Zeamer, Tim Maxwell and Clerk Mark Whittaker.

Other Notable attendees included Town Administrator Travis Ahern, James Keast, School Committee member Anne Louise Hanstad, Fire Chief Cassidy, and Tina Hein of the Select Board.

No administrative tasks were undertaken during this meeting.

Travis Ahearn spoke about the CARES Funding and updating the finance committee about the Cares Act Spending by the town. He then stated that the Select Board has voted to reduce by 50% the annual alcohol license renewal fees for restaurants (for calendar year 2021 only).

No updates from liaisons were made at this meeting.

Chief Cassidy noted that there were not significant financial concerns related to the town's COVID response at this time. Chief Cassidy went on to state that our PPE Supply is robust.

The upcoming Special Town Meeting warrant was discussed as follows:

A motion was made to reconsider our recommendations for articles 1 and 3. The motion was made by Dan Alfred and seconded by Sue Nersessian. The motion was passed 7-0.

Article 1: A motion was made that the town raise and appropriate the amounts listed in the column "FY21 Total" with the following exceptions: reserve fund to be \$190,000, and unemployment to be \$100,000. This was moved by Dan Alfred, and seconded by Sue Nersessian. This motion passed 7-0.

Article 3: The finance committee recommends that the town appropriate \$484,000 from overlay and raise and appropriate \$400,000 for the stabilization fund. This was moved by Dan Alfred and seconded by Sue Nersessian. This motion passed 7-0.

A discussion was had about whether presentations would be made during the town meeting, and whether the committee was okay with not having presentation time during Town Meeting. It was generally agreed that the committee would prefer to have a presentation at Town Meeting even if it was brief.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dan Alfred, seconded by Vincent Murphy. The motion passed 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM