

Town of Holliston
Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 27th, 2021

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.

Dr. 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, Ben Sparrell of the Holliston Select Board, and Chief Cassidy

Town administrator updates:

Travis Ahern had no updates.

Liaison Updates:

No liaison updates were made this week.

Covid Financial Report:

Chief Cassidy stated 9 new expenses were posted to Munis in the last week totaling approximately \$6,800. No new requests were brought before the Select Board.

FY22 budget:

Vincent Murphy made a motion to recommend the budget of \$260,680 for the board of assessors for FY22. This was seconded by Tim Maxwell. The motion passed 7-0

Dan Alfred made a motion to reconsider the previous recommendation for the Board of Health and the town clerk budgets. This was seconded by Vincent Murphy. The motion passed 7-0.

Dan Alfred made a motion to recommend the budgets of \$173,810 for the Town Clerk's budget, and \$168,600 for the Board of Health. This motion was seconded by Tim Maxwell. The motion passed 7-0

Warrant Recommendations:

Dan Alfred moved to recommend favorable action on articles 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26, and 35 on the upcoming warrant. Sue Nersessian seconded the motion. This motion passed 7-0

For article 4, Dan Alfred moved to recommended favorable action as the first step in phasing out stipends per the stiped committee recommendation. Sue Nersessian seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

For article 5, Dan Alfred made a motion to have the town appropriate \$185.78 from the reserve fund for the payment of the unpaid bills. Tim Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

For article 6, Dan Alfred made a motion to recommend the town appropriate \$138,100 from the reserve fund for snow and ice, and \$55,000 from the water retained earnings to the water department budget. Tim Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

For article 19, Dan Alfred made a motion to recommend that the town raise and appropriate \$1,750,000 for the capital expenditure fund. Tim Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

For article 20, Dan Alfred made a motion to recommend that the town appropriate \$13,750 for the building battery back up system for the police, \$11,600 to replace the telephone system for the police, \$10,000 for a voice recorder system for the police, \$54,000 for an electronic key door system for the police, \$75,000 for security cameras for municipal buildings, \$50,000 for rehabilitation of the central fire station, \$33,500 for 1750 Washington HVAC "package" units, \$47,590 for radio replacement in the UHF band for the DPW, \$55,000 for a pickup truck with rack body for the DPW, \$55,000 for replacement of boilers for the schools, and \$26,400 for networking infrastructure for the schools, totaling \$431,840 from the capital expenditure fund. Sue Nersessian seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0

For article 21, Dan Alfred made a motion to recommend that the town appropriate \$5,000 for administrative functions to support the committee, \$5,812 for a dock system at Stoddard Park, \$52,100 for improvements to Community Farm, and to recommend that the town extends the sunset date to June 30th 2021 for the appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 from the CPC General Reserve approved by the October 2019 Town Meeting for the purpose of assisting the Holliston Parks and Recreation Department with renovations to Town-owned youth baseball fields. Sue Nersessian seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

For article 22, Dan Alfred made a motion to recommend indefinite postponement of this article. Tim Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

For article 23, Dan Alfred made a motion to recommend that the town appropriate \$43,524 from the from the county retirement line of the FY21 omnibus budget for the establishment of the pension liability stabilization fund. Tim Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

For article 30, Dan Alfred made a motion to recommend that the town appropriate \$51,000 from the appropriation of article 5 of the December 2020 special town meeting for the purpose stated in the article. Sue Nersessian seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0

For article 31, Dan Alfred made a motion to recommend that the town raise and appropriate \$45,000 for the purpose stated in the article. Tim Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

For article 32, Dan Alfred made a motion to recommend that the town raise and appropriate \$118,500 for the purpose stated in the article. Tim Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

For article 33, Dan Alfred made a motion to recommend that the town raise and appropriate \$75,000 for the purpose stated in the article. Tim Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

For article 34, Michelle Zeamer made a motion to recommend that the town raise and appropriate \$21,837 from the funding associated with article 4 from the 2019 special town meeting for the purpose

stated in the article. Tim Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Sue Nersessian abstaining.

For article 36, Tim Maxwell made a motion to recommended favorable action on the article. Vincent Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Dan Alfred Abstaining.

For Article 37, Dan Alfred made a motion to make a recommendation at town meeting on the article. Sue Nersessian seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1 with Vincent Murphy saying no.

For Article 10, Dan Alfred made a motion to recommend favorable action on the article. Mark Whittaker seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

For Article 9, Vincent Murphy made a motion to recommend unfavorable action on the article. Dan Alfred seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Warrant Message:

Vincent Murphy made a motion to accept the warrant message draft as written and submitted by Ken Szajda. Dan Alfred seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Dan Alfred made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Sue Nersessian. The motion passed 7-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 PM.