

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes

December 7, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Bathel, Chairman
Art Pinell, Vice-Chairman
Robert Horacek
Sheila Chamberlin
Terry Mish
Karen Demaio
Kerry Doherty

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: John Viel - Absent

OTHER: Melissa Bridges, Assistant Town Accountant

Remote Participation

Meeting Notices: Pursuant to the Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Finance Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the office of the AG Web page at <https://www.mass.gov/guides/resources-during-covid-19#-open-meeting-law->.

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted. The Town will persevere to install conference call capabilities for other parties to listen in and participate accordingly. If not possible we will post on the town's website an audio recording as soon as possible after the meeting.

The meeting was being recorded.

The Finance Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comments: There was none.

The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
This meeting was rescheduled to January 19, 2021.

A MOTION was made by A. Pinell, seconded by T. Mish (Vote: Yes: 6; Abstain: 1 S.C.) to accept the minutes of November 2, 2020 as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE: L. Bathel: Yes, A. Pinell R. Horacek: Yes, S. Chamberlin: Abstain, K. Demaio: Yes, Terry Mish: Yes, K. Doherty: Yes.

New Business:

L. Bathel, Chairman and K. Demaio will attend the online MMA Conference on January 21st and January 22nd to represent the Finance Committee.

There was a brief discussion about the conflict with residents and a potential cell tower in the area of Lexington Circle.

A. Pinell, Vice-Chair requested that when information is sent to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, that all the members receive the information. R. Solek will forward any documents or emails to the FinCom Members.

The Liaison List was updated.

Old Business:

The Vice-Chairman updated the Finance Committee on the Fire Station improvements. The roof is substantially complete and there was a small savings to offset some additional costs.

There was discussion of reimbursement costs from the CARES Act (State) and FEMA (Federal). It is an ongoing project, with an unsure deadline. Possibly in January there will be more answers. The Finance Committee spoke about the STGRSD, enrollment is down and many students are remote. Further information and discussion to be continued.

A MOTION was made by R. Horacek, seconded by T. Mish (Vote: Unanimous) to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.
ROLL CALL VOTE: L. Bathel: Yes, A. Pinell: Yes, R. Horacek: Yes, S. Chamberlin: Yes, K. Demaio: Yes T. Mish: Yes. K. Doherty: Yes.

Respectfully submitted by,



Robin Solek



L. Bathel, Chairman