

Holland Finance Board

27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521
Holland Town Hall – Community Room

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 24, 2022

Virtual and Physical Meeting of the Board and Guests

Meeting Attendance

In person: Members – Andy Harhay – Chair, Ernie Fancy, and John W Scott.

In Person: Guests – Selectman Clelland Johnson, Town Administrator Stacy Stout.

Attended virtually – Board Members Karen Peret and Lori Joubert.

Open Meeting – Called to order at 6:30 pm by the Chair.

1. Veterans Budget

The Chair indicated that he has left messages with the Veterans Agent, but has not heard back from him relative to the FY23 budget request. Since the funding of the Veterans Benefits line at \$15,000 has more than satisfied the need for a number of years, level funding of that line and increasing the agent's salary by the COLA (not voted on, as yet), should be appropriate, unless contacted by the Agent with a different proposal.

FY22 Allocation: \$19,600.00

FY23 Tentatively Recommended: \$19,729.00

Increase: \$129,00 or 0.1 %

2. Review/Discuss the Zoning Board of Appeals Y23 Budget Request.

ZBA Chair Don Beale had verbally requested a level funded budget of \$3,100,00.

3. Review/Discuss the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer FY23 Budget Request.

TA Stacy Stout had discussed the request with B. J. Church at an earlier date and reviewed it for the Finance Board. The contract with the Inspector now incorporates the responsibilities of the ZEO, so separate budgets will no longer be necessary. In addition, both the Building Inspector Clerk wages and the \$300.00 Expense line under the ZEO will come from the Building Inspector's revolving fund and the ZEO stipend eliminated.

FY22 Allocation for the Building Inspector: \$16,667.00

FY23 Requested: \$15,511.00

Decrease: \$1,156.00 or 6.9 %

FY22 Allocation for ZEO: \$2,801.00.

FY23 Requested: \$0.00

Decrease: \$2,801 or 100 %

4. Employee Wage Data

After a discussion on the need for the Finance Board to have wage information, a motion was made by John Scott, seconded by Karen Peret, to have Clelland Johnson ask the Town Attorney whether it is legal to acquire data on the wages paid to every Town employee, with their names. The purpose is to be able to verifying the wage lines being requested by each department. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

5. Roundtable.

Andy indicated that he has started to work on the annual report and will send it to the members for review prior to the next meeting. Karen Peret said that she had not received the Open Meeting Law and Ethics documents that she needs to complete; the TA indicated it was an oversight on her part and immediately emailed the documents to Karen and Lori. Karen said that she was doing some research into the Town's contract with Tantasqua Regional and would like to update the Board at the next meeting. Andy will put it on the agenda.

6. Adjournment. Ernie Fancy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Scott. The Chair then adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

7. Next Meeting.

3/2/22, 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,
John W Scott.