

Holland Finance Board
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521
Holland Town Hall – Community Room
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 26, 2022
Virtual and Physical Meeting of the Board and Guests

Meeting Attendance:

In person: Members – Andy Harhay, Chair. Ernie Fancy, Lori Joubert and John Scott
In Person: Guests – Selectman Clelland Johnson, Town Administrator Stacy Stout
Attended virtually – Karen Peret – Member, Bryan Haughey - Chief of Police.

Open Meeting:

Called to order at 6:44 pm by the Chair.

1. Jennifer Mott, Town Clerk, presented the FY23 Budget request for the Clerk's Office:

Clerk's Office

FY2022 allocation: \$32,777.00

FY2023 requested: \$33,600.00

Increase of \$823 or 2.5%

The Town Clerk will also be submitting two articles at Town Meeting. One will be for ~ \$2,700 for the one-time purchase of materials required to legally preserve a large backlog of critical documents and the second article will be for replacement of the Town's drop-off box with one that is waterproof, as documents placed in the existing box have sometimes been damaged by rain and snowmelt; the cost of a waterproof box will be ~ \$2,000.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to accept the 12/15/21 minutes was made by Ernie Fancy, seconded by John Scott, and unanimously approved, with the provision that it be amended by Andy to explain the comment made by the Treasurer that an additional \$155,200 might have to be budgeted for FY23. The amended minutes add the following words: "Relative to purchase of the Sichel property, the Treasurer cautioned that, if the Town did not close on the property and receive the grant, \$155,200 would be owed in FY23 on the principle of the existing loan. The status will be known prior to the May 2022 ATM."

3. Bryan Haughey, Chief of Police, presented the FY23 Police Department Budget Request:

Police Department

FY2022 allocation: \$229,657.00

FY2023 requested: \$235,001.00

Increase of \$5,344 or 2.3%

The requirement that all part-time officers meet new standards incorporated into training provided by the 'Reserve Intermittent Police Academy' will make necessary the one-time purchase of additional

ammunition totaling ~ \$1,500. It was suggested by Clelland Johnson that the Chief make the request in an article for Town meeting.

8. Next Meeting:

February 2, 2022

9. Adjournment:

Ernie Fancy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Scott, with all voting in favor. The Chair then adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John W Scott