

**Holland Finance Board**  
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521  
Holland Town Hall – Community Room  
**Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 25, 2023**  
Virtual and Physical Meeting of the Finance Board and Guests

**Meeting Attendance –**

Finance Board Members in person: Andrew Harhay, Karen Peret, Cara Bogacz, Paul Tortolani  
Clelland Johnson, Select Board  
Remote: Stacy Stout, TA  
Guests in person: None

**Open Meeting –**

The Chair called the Joint meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**1. Opening comments and ATM preparation**

Andy opened the meeting with comments related to the Budget for 2024 and the status of State action—the budget had reached the Senate Ways and Means Committee and probably would not be finalized until after the ATM. Expecting no changes before then, it was determined that this was the version of the budget we would be bringing to the ATM with no changes.

The final meeting of the Finance Board would be after the ATM for any year-end issues to be resolved. The discussion following was directed at further preparation for the presentation for the ATM, a review of the Power point content and the top 4 categories of expenditures. Responses to potential questions were also reviewed as was the rationale for the consolidation of clerical support for town boards and commissions.

A form for FY 25 budget deliberations was discussed as was the development of a preliminary questionnaire for each department to submit in advance of its request in the next budget cycle.

**2. Roundtable discussion**

Karen requested clarification of the terms appropriated, requested and operating when referring to budgets and to avoid confusion when presenting information

Cara announced that, due to the increased responsibilities of her new position, she would be resigning from the Finance Board at the end of June.

### 3. Minutes

Cara moved to approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2023 and May 11, 2023 meetings. The motion was seconded by Karen and unanimously approved.

### 4. Adjourn

At 6:51 PM, a motion to adjourn was made by Karen, seconded by Cara and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Tortolani