

Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
Finance Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall Community Room 1st Floor & Virtual
27 Sturbridge Rd.
Holland, MA 01521

Board Members in attendance: Karen Peret, Cari K. Robertson

Members virtually in attendance: Andy Harhay

Members Absent: P. Tortolani

Guests in attendance: Stacy Stout Town Administrator (TA); Sharon Ashleigh (Treasurer); Ernest Fancy Select Board (SB)

Guests virtually in attendance (not required to list)

Meeting called to order by Chair at: 6:00 p.m.

Topics of Discussion:

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
Minutes for February 28, 2024
Motioned minutes approved by: C. Robertson 2nd by: Andy Harhay
Roll call vote: K. Peret- Yes ; C. Robertson – Yes ; A. Harhay - Yes
- 2. Finance Board Meeting Decorum:**
Was not read
- 3. Town Treasurer Report:**
Treasurer shared the details of her operating budget for FY25 where funds will be allocated including the remaining Capital Planning debt balance after all grant funds have been reimbursed; the new anticipated Fire Truck loan for which payments will begin in FY26; and the rate increase for employee benefits. Treasurer shared suggestions on using other available funds to supplement some expenditure needs for some boards/committees and departments
- 4. Recreation Committee Report:**
Recreation Committee was not scheduled. The intention was for the Trails Committee to report. They will be rescheduled.
- 5. Update of Compensation Study Progress:**
No new update to report for this meeting.
- 6. Budget Requests received to date:**
All budget requests that have been submitted from various departments to date have been forwarded to all FB members for review. Departments that have yet to submit their FY25 budget request will possibly receive level funding for their department.

7. **Open Meeting Law Complaint Update:**

An actual complaint has not been filed with the Attorney General as of yet. There isn't an update at this time as FB Chair has not been able to meet with the Chair of Assessors.

8. **Select Board Comments:**

The FY25 budget request has been submitted to the FB with detailed information and reasons for which funds are being requested.

Next Meeting: March 27, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by: C. Robertson 2nd by: A. Harhay All voted in favor

Meeting adjourned by Chair at: 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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