

Holland Finance Board
27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521
Holland Town Hall – Community Room
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Virtual and Physical Meeting of the Board and Guests

Meeting Attendance –

Members in person: Andrew Harhay, Ernie Fancy, John W Scott and Karen Peret.
Guests in person: Clelland Johnson - Selectman, and Stacy Stout, Town Administrator

Open Meeting –

The Chair called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes –

The draft minutes for May 2, 2022, and for May 4, 2022 had been previously distributed for review. John made the motion to approve, the May 2, 2022 minutes and Ernie seconded. All in favor. Ernie made the motion to approve the May 4, 2022 minutes as amended regarding the dollar amount of Warrant Article #12 and John seconded. All in favor.

2. Discuss content of ATM/Finance Board Public Hearing presentation.

Andy raised a concern that the simple division of *budget dollars divided by the # students* to provide a cost per student at the Elementary School does not reflect that the cost includes all Holland special needs students through graduation from high school. After discussion, it was agreed that, if there were resident questions about the \$13K cost per student figure arrived at by simple division, members of the school board could be asked to address special factors impacting that figure.

A suggestion was made to change the word “salary” to “wages” on slide #5.

The line regarding Community Center staff was deleted as it was of relatively minor financial importance.

The language regarding the BOA Chair and assessors was modified to read as “continue to perform duties of the principal assessor until the position is filled.”

3. Review of FY23 draft budget.

Ernie reported that the police wages were broken out into separate line items regarding Lake Patrol and Road Patrol lines.

The Tantasqua net operations budget line “Requested” needed to be the same as the “Recommended” budget. Ernie will double check the numbers.

To fund Article #6 to pay prior fiscal year invoices of \$873.03 that amount was removed from Article #3 (Roadway Stabilization) to maintain a balanced utilization of free cash.

Stacy clarified the warrant article dollars for the fire truck would not be firm until competitively bid.

Stacy sent an email to Laurie asking her to confirm the dollar amounts for Snow & Ice Wages.

The wording of the fire truck warrant was revised to delete reference to potential supplier.

Ernie moved to approve recommending at the ATM the FY2023 budget dated May 3, 2022 for the amount of \$7,793,393 and was seconded by John. All in favor.

4. Comments on Select Board activities.

Stacy thanked the members of the Finance Board for their continued support of the Town of Holland and all the work they've done on the Annual Budget. Members thanked both Clelland and Stacy for their tireless efforts in their roles.

5. Roundtable comments.

None.

6. Next Meeting – Unscheduled.

Adjournment –

John made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Karen seconded; approval was unanimous. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Peret