

Minutes

Wednesday, January 24, 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: Andy Harhay, Cari K. Robertson, Paul Tortolani

Members virtually in attendance: None

Guests in attendance: Stacy Stout Town Administrator (TA); Brenda Anger (ABC)

Guests virtually in attendance: Ernest Fancy Select Board (SB)

Meeting called to order by Acting Chair at: 6:05 p.m.

Topics of Discussion:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
1/10/24 – Tabled for next Finance Board (FB) meeting.
2. Finance Board Meeting Decorum: Was not read in today's meeting.
3. Update of Compensation Study Progress: TA has not had any success in communicating with the Collin's Center and therefore, to date does not have any further information to report. She will continue to pursue communicating with them and give an update at the next meeting.
4. Request for Reserve Fund Transfer:
Motion to transfer \$8,449.00 from the Reserve Fund Account for the Hampden County Retirement Fund made by Paul Tortolani 2nd by: Andy Harhay (Acting Chair) All voted in favor
5. Review of FY2025 Budget Requests:
Reviewed all the budget requests submitted by the various departments to date. Board has sent out reminders to the departments pending submission of their FY25 budgets request forms.
6. Finance Board Liasson's to Organizations with Town Budgets:
This item was tabled for further discussion at the next upcoming meeting.
7. Discuss Budget Follow-Up Meetings:
All department heads showing an increase or decrease in their budget request form for FY25 is being asked to give a written explanation for the change. Once written explanation is received if needed an in-person meeting for further discussion will be scheduled accordingly.
Motioned by: C. Robertson 2nd by: P. Tortolani All voted in favor
8. Select Board Priorities for FY2025 Budget Requests:
TA updated Select Board will hold a meeting Wednesday, January 31, 2024 to discuss FY2025 budget priorities and set an open and close dates for the warrants.

9. Select Board Comments & Town Admin Report:

- Gov. Healey has published the spending proposal and should be read by all board members.
- She has also submitted the Municipal Empowerment Act which focuses on supports for rural communities and Ch. 95; more information can be found at MMA.org
- The preliminary budget numbers will be published in the coming days; everyone should look out for that information.

10. Round Table Comments:

FB member recommended that members be informed of the happenings in and around town. The Planning Board has a very important upcoming decision to make; all members need to be aware of the financial implications that decision will have on the town.

11. Next Meeting: February 28, 2024

Meeting adjourned by Acting Chair @ 8:13

Motion made by: P. Tortolani 2nd by: C. Robertson All voted in favor

Respectfully submitted by:

Brenda Anger

All Boards Clerk

Town of Holland

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