

Town of East Bridgewater Finance Committee

175 Central Street

East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Town Hall, 2nd floor Conference Room



**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2020**

Members present: Crystal Hudson, Daniel Picha, Melanie Dean, Kevin Reilly, Laura Sebastyn

Member(s) absent: Dave Walsh, Joe Conley

Selectman Liaison:

Guest(s): Brian Noble, Historic Commission - Lois Nelson, Recreation Commission - Peter Furia

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Laura Sebastyn
2. Historic Commission Budget Presentation
 - a. The historic commission has been funded with very limited funds
 - b. The plans were presented to repair the graveyard including taking down trees which would be costly and DPW does not have the equipment necessary
 - c. It was discussed that there is a possibility of donations of private money if they could get some base money in the budget
 - d. Grants have been looked into but need a large match
 - e. Additional projects besides the graveyard would like to include historical markers, recognition of older houses, and work at Sachem Rock in the future
 - f. They would like an operating budget of \$2,500 minimum and project budget of \$2,500
3. Recreation Department Budget Presentation
 - a. This department has a lot of new members and is hoping to promote recreation in the town after a lot of turnover on the commission in the last 3 years
 - b. Budget is currently \$500
 - c. Revenue opportunities include rental of town fields
 - d. Discussion of rental fees and fee structure
 - e. Currently help with Christmas parade, fields, friends on the trails, concerts on the common and EB skate, would like to run a summer recreation program, arts program, and club sports
 - f. Discussion of possible synergy between YMCA, Little Vikings program and the recreation department
 - g. Finance Committees overall concern is that there are not checks and balances on the monies relating to the fields right now and that we don't see a clear goal for the recreation department yet, would like to see a plan specific to programs they would like to operate

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4. Budget Update
 - a. Current Cherry Sheet was presented, we believe the school amount to be accurate and will plan with that number
 - b. Rough budget presented with a \$442,949 deficit
 - c. The school budget meeting is next week
 - d. We will begin to go through articles (32 so far) at the next few meetings
 - e. Discussion of whether we could propose the CPA fund again
 - f. Discussion regarding updates to the Fire and DPW budgets that we had needed
5. Vote to adjourn meeting at 7:42
 - a. Motion to adjourn - Dean
 - b. Second - Hudson
 - c. Vote 5-0-0

Melanie Dean, Clerk