

Town of East Bridgewater Finance Committee  
175 Central Street  
East Bridgewater, MA 02333  
Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room



**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**February 13, 2018**

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**Members present:** Chris Kelley, Emily Pina, Laura Sebastyn, Crystal Hudson, Michele Ahern, John Ward, Tim Armand

**Member(s) absent:**

**Selectman Liaison:** Absent

**Guest(s):** Claire Yocum, Bob Charles, Nancy Hill, Dave Sheedy, Peter Spagone, Jr., Sue Malloy

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1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Chris Kelley
2. Budget Presentations
  - a. Conservation Commission – Submitted a 1.5% increase budget. The only increase was to salaries which are contractual.
  - b. Veterans Services – The Veteran's agent submitted a 1.5% increase budget. The department currently has 23 veterans on the roll receiving benefits.
  - c. Council on Aging – The COA submitted two budgets; the requested 1.5% increase budget and a real needs budget of 4.25% increase. The increase in expense is all in contractual obligations of the few staff members, and with most other expenses being fixed, the only place the COA would be able to cut costs would be on the van drivers line item.
  - d. Board of Health – The BOH is comprised of three areas; the BOH department, Disposal Area Expense, and Treatment Plant Expense. The overall budget submitted for all three areas was an increase of .71%. The increase in the BOH budget is all due to contractual obligations, the Disposal budget came in with a decrease of -3.23%, and the treatment plant came in with an increase of .27%. One change in the treatment budget is that two town employees are working toward becoming certified to run the treatment plant. One is going through recertification and one is working toward certification. This will allow a reduction in the professional services contract that is currently in place to support the running of the plant.

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3. Approved Meeting Minutes of Prior Meetings
  - a. January 23, 2018  
*Motion: To accept the Minutes of January 23, 2018*  
*M/S Kelley/Pina Motion Passed 6-0-1 Abstain (Hudson)*
  - b. January 30, 2018  
*Motion: To accept the Minutes of January 30, 2018*  
*M/S Kelley/Pina Motion Passed 5-0-2 Abstain (Ward, Ahern)*
4. Next Finance Committee Meeting
  - a. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on February 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
5. Meeting Adjournment  
*Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm*  
*M/S Hudson/Pina Unanimous*

Laura Sebastyn, Clerk

Amended 6/04/2018