

Town of East Bridgewater Finance Committee

175 Central Street

East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Town Hall, 2nd floor Conference Room



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes January 21, 2020

Members present: Dan Picha, Laura Sebastyn, Kevin Reilly, Dave Walsh

Member(s) absent: Joe Conley, Crystal Hudson, Melanie Dean

Selectman Liaison:

Guest(s): Brian Noble, Town Administrator, Tim Harhen, Fire Chief, Scott Allen, Police Chief, Paul O'Brien, Deputy Police Chief

1. Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Laura Sebastyn
2. Budget Presentations
 - a. Fire Department
 - i. Chief Harhen presented to the committee a slide deck detailing various statistics for the department over the last year.
 - ii. Chief Harhen discussed the need to replace the ladder truck. This item will be added as an article at town meeting.
 - iii. Chief Harhen presented the proposed Fire Department budget for FY21
 - b. Central Civilian Dispatch
 - i. Department almost ready to go live. Targeted to start in a couple of weeks
 - ii. Nine fully trained dispatchers, 5 full time and 3 part time
 - iii. The fifth full time position would be dependent on the volume. Could be shifted to a split shift
 - c. Police Department
 - i. Chief Allen presented to the committee a slide deck detailing various statistics for the department over the last year.
 - ii. Chief Allen presented the proposed budget for the Police department for FY 21
 1. Current number of staff is 23, ideally, they would need 24
 2. Goal to have an article ready for Town Meeting to drop civil service
3. Approve Available Minutes – No minutes available to review
4. Next Finance Committee Meeting
 - i. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 6:00 to hear the budget presentation of the Library, Council on Aging and DPW.
5. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm
M/S Walsh/Picha Motion Passed 4-0-0

Laura Sebastyn, Clerk