

Town of East Bridgewater Finance Committee

175 Central Street

East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Town Hall, 2nd floor Conference Room



**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2020 - Virtual Meeting**

Members present: Crystal Hudson, Melanie Dean, Kevin Reilly, Laura Sebastyn, Joe Conley

Member(s) absent: Dave Walsh, Dan Picha

Selectman Liaison: Dave Sheedy

Guest(s): Brian Noble, Melissa Morrissey

1. Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by Laura Sebastyn
2. FY21 Budget Discussion
 - a. Presented current budget
 - b. Southeastern Regional budget came in much higher than predicted, putting us in a \$52k deficit
 - c. Could we cut from the selectman's budget and fin com reserve - possibly snow and ice - we will be ok to find the \$52k
 - d. Talked with DPW - still have some questions but did get some answers - particularly in water budget
 - e. Want to discuss some warrant changes - article 1 STM will likely change to increase for some purchases of time back for unused vacation due to COVID - from \$150-200k - will have to revote
 - f. Article 2 STM - wording was updated
 - g. SPED reserve funding \$100k originally - want to fund it at \$200k - discussed how we feel about this and if we think it's a good idea - concerns about misuse but discussions on mitigation of risk
 - h. Fire truck article - ladder truck number has not been finalized, \$1.187m for STM and \$1.248m for ATM, actual cost would be \$1.4m with training - will word the article for the STM with the discounted price
 - i. Capital budget was approved - removed the \$30k town hall sign, removed school radios for \$4,600 and carpet for stem lab and removed street sweeper- will finance street sweeper with chapter 90 money - radios and carpet didn't meet capital requirements
3. Misc. items
 - a. Should start thinking about ideas for budget if COVID causes cuts to state aid or local receipts, would have to start thinking about non-essential cuts (not police, fire, school) and could capital budget be adjusted

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4. Vote on minutes
 - a. Will review minutes of 3/31/20 meeting and vote next meeting

5. Vote to adjourn meeting at 6:37
 - a. Motion to adjourn - Dean
 - b. Second - Conley
 - c. Vote 5-0-0

Melanie Dean, Clerk