

**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  
April 28, 2020 - Virtual Meeting**

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**Members present:** Crystal Hudson, Melanie Dean, Kevin Reilly, Laura Sebastyn, Joe Conley, Dan Picha, David Walsh

**Member(s) absent:** N/A

**Selectman Liaison:** David Sheedy

**Guest(s):** Brian Noble, Rebecca Johnson, Melissa Morrissey

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1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Laura Sebastyn
2. FY21 Budget Discussion
  - a. Review and vote on meeting articles (below)
  - b. Discussed thoughts on a bare bones town meeting to get us to the fall
  - c. Some tweaks were made to income sources
  - d. 1 or 2 articles are still open
  - e. A STM is needed in June, a town meeting is needed before July and if not a 1/12 budget based on FY20 would need to be passed each month until free cash is certified, and a budget can be passed
  - f. Currently have meeting schedule for June 15<sup>th</sup> but that is likely too early, BOS and legal will discuss potential other dates
3. Vote/Review of warrant articles based on the draft warrant as of 4/28/20
  - a. Vote to recommend STM article 1 as written, to fund obligations for union and personal contracts for \$212,000
    - i. Motion - Picha Second - Dean Vote - 7-0-0 Pass
  - b. Vote to recommend STM article 6 as written, to re-appropriate water capital articles
    - i. Motion - Picha Second - Dean Vote - 7-0-0 Pass
  - c. Vote to recommend ATM article 2 - Omnibus Operating Budget - as written
    - i. Motion - Picha Second - Dean Vote - 7-0-0 Pass
  - d. Finance committee has decided to give their report of ATM article 3 at town meeting
  - e. Vote to recommend ATM article 7 as written for solid waste fund operations
    - i. Motion - Picha Second - Dean Vote - 7-0-0 Pass
  - f. Vote to recommend ATM article 8 as written for water enterprise fund operations
    - i. Motion - Picha Second - Dean Vote - 7-0-0 Pass
  - g. ATM article - Pass

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- h. Vote to recommend ATM article 16 as written to adopt and fund the OPEB Trust by the town for \$140,000 from overlay surplus and \$72,000 from existing reserves
    - i. Motion - Picha Second - Dean Vote - 7-0-0 Pass
  - i. Vote to recommend ATM article 20 as written regarding the Hanson Land Property and zoning the property to secure the highest value and best use of the property
    - i. Motion - Picha Second - Dean Vote - 7-0-0 Pass
  - j. Vote to recommend ATM article 22 as written regarding electrical improvements within town facilities in the amount of \$400,000
    - i. Motion - Picha Second - Dean Vote - 7-0-0 Pass
  - k. Vote to recommend ATM article 30 as written to approve the library wage and classification schedule
    - i. Motion - Conley Second - Dean Vote - 4-3-0 Pass
  - l. Vote to recommend ATM article 31 as written to fund the Special Education Reserve fund in the amount of \$200,000
    - i. Motion - Conley Second - Dean Vote - 7-0-0 Pass
  - m. Vote to recommend ATM article 38 as written for the purchase of a fire tower truck not to exceed \$1,400,000
    - i. Motion - Picha Second - Dean Vote - 6-0-1 Pass
  - n. Vote to recommend ATM article 43 as written for a transfer to the stabilization fund in the amount of \$537,085
    - i. Motion - Picha Second - Dean Vote - 7-0-0 Pass
4. Misc. Items
- a. Once we have a town meeting date we will back into dates for meetings, printing, etc.
  - b. Next meeting TBD
5. Vote to adjourn meeting at 7:30
- a. Motion to adjourn - Conley
  - b. Second - Reilly
  - c. Vote 7-0-0

Melanie Dean, Clerk