

# Town of East Bridgewater Finance Committee

175 Central Street  
East Bridgewater, MA 02333  
Town Hall



## Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 30, 2023

REC'D EB TOWN CLERK  
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**Members present:** Dan Picha, Dave Walsh, Karen Harhen, Lisa Allington, George Jouvin

**Member(s) absent:** Karin Gilman


**Guest(s):** Charlie Seelig, Town Administrator; Capital Committee members

1. Joint meeting of Finance Committee and Capital Committee was called to order at 6:01 PM by Dan Picha, Finance Committee Chair
2. Dave Walsh provided a summary re: the Board of Health's request for the sum of \$150,000 to move funds to line item "Disposal Area Expense Maintenance-Bldg/Grounds" in the Board of Health Budget, for the replacement of perimeter existing chain link/stockade fencing/gas vents. Dave Walsh recommended to that this request be funded by the Finance Committee reserve fund.
3. Dan Picha explained proposed changes that would balance the FY24 budget, including reducing the Fin Comm reserve by \$50k and reductions to other line items including: revolving accounts, DPW maintenance, Recreation Commission, etc. Total budget requested is \$59,819,630, or 5% over previous year. With line-item reductions and money from additional revenue sources, the proposed budget is balanced. Dave Walsh asked about the increased vocational school charge, which is due to increase in East Bridgewater students attending the school. George Jouvin asked about the amount of money coming from free cash; Charlie Seelig explained that we have a plan to use a portion of free cash each year and are keeping within the planned budget.
4. Dave Walsh made a motion to accept all reductions to specific line items, seconded by Lisa Allington; Motion was approved 5-0. Karen Harhen made a motion to approve the budget as presented for FY24 in the amount of \$59,819,630, seconded by George Jouvin; Approved 5-0.
5. Dan Picha reviewed the proposed Capital Budget articles for the Special Town Meeting, including description, amount requested and funding source. Motion to approve as presented was made by Dave Walsh, seconded by Lisa Allington; Approved 5-0.
6. Motion to utilize the Reserve Fund for \$150,000 to be transferred to Disposal Area Maintenance for the Board of Health to submit a Corrective Action Plan and Schedule for repairs to the fencing, gas vents, and associated piping at the Bridge St. Landfill was made by Dave Walsh and seconded by George Jouvin; Approved 5-0.
7. Motion to recommend Article 1 made by DW and seconded by LA; Approved 5-0
8. Motion to recommend Article 2 made by DW and seconded by LA; Approved 5-0
9. Motion to recommend Article 7 made by DW and seconded by LA; Approved 5-0
10. Motion to recommend Article 9 made by DW and seconded by LA; Approved 5-0

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11. Motion to recommend Article 2 made by DW and seconded by LA; Approved 5-0
12. Motion to recommend Article 3 made by DW and seconded by LA; Approved 5-0
13. Motion to recommend Article 4 made by DW and seconded by LA; Approved 5-0
14. Motion to recommend Article 9 made by DW and seconded by LA; Approved 5-0
15. Motion to recommend Article 10 made by DW and seconded by LA; Approved 5-0
16. Motion to recommend Article 12 made by DW and seconded by LA; Approved 5-0
17. Motion to recommend Article 16 made by DW and seconded by LA; Approved 4-0-1 abstained (KH)
18. Motion to recommend Article 35 made by DW and seconded by LA; Approved 5-0
19. Dan Picha thanked member of the Finance Committee and everyone else who was involved in making the budget process successful this year.
20. Motion to approve meeting minutes from May 15<sup>th</sup> was made by DW seconded by LA; Approved 5-0
21. Motion to adjourn meeting was made at 6:36 pm by DW, seconded by LA at 6:35 pm; Approved 5-0.

  
7/17/2023