



**TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH
FinCom Minutes
Boxborough, MA 01719**

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Boxborough Finance Committee

DATE: Tuesday, May 8, 2023

TIME: 6:00PM

PLACE: Blanchard library

In attendance: Becky Neville, Maria Neyland (chair), Gary Kushner, Tony Newton, Priya Sundaram, Keshava Srivastava (6:03)

Missing: none

Other: planning board members Rebecca Verner, Mark Barbadoro, Cindy Markiewicz, and non planning committee member Barbara Salzman

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 6:02 PM

Becky moved April 18 and May 2 and Tony seconded

Approved 5-0 (Keshava arrived after minutes)

No change to budget since May 8 meeting. Maria will talk about the changes as voted in the motion. Asked Kelly for free cash numbers, but not yet arrived.

Warrant discussion regarding article 47. Becky asked to reopen after talking to housing. No exemptions on Town property. Affordable housing would be much higher. Agriculture would be an issue. Maria indicated that as a FinCom member she would stay as originally voted, but not sure yet. Public safety facilities. General bylaw and not a specific bylaw. There is an agricultural property (orchard or farm) is exempt. If 70 trees per acre at 10 inch and viable then \$7000 for tree fund and potential income if logging. Rebecca indicated that there is a potential future change.

Becky moved to recommend the tree bylaw and Priya seconded.

5-1 approved

Article 45, citizen petition. The TA provided a lot of the information. Gary asked about passing over, but the inclination is that the petitioner will not Passover. Over 200 people approved the petition. The FinCom asked for documentation much earlier. Gary will read the recommendation. A handout was passed out by a citizen. \$153,000 +4000 or \$157,000 for new chief. Does not include other benefits including uniform, etc. PI costs are missing and Town Hall costs by employees. Maria feels the total cost is around \$300,000



Becky moved to adjourn and Priya seconded
Approved 6-0

Next meetings:

May 9 ATM

May 10 ATM (if required)

August 15

Documents:

Minutes for April 18

Minutes for May 8, 2023

Warrant

Handout re: police expenditures

RFT tracker

Item	description	Amount	Start at \$150,000	comments
Town Administrator	increase to contract for salary, benefits	\$37,500	\$112,500	Approved at September 27 2022 meeting
DPW	Increases for DPW	\$2,500	\$110,000	Increase for Steele farm roof for \$800; fire department for \$800, Town Hall building sign repairs for \$900
Audit expense	Actuarial audit for OPEB	\$6,950	\$103,050	Approved December 20 2022
Legal	expenses	\$6,362.52	\$96,687.48	Approved on January 3
Legal	expenses	\$17,589.73	\$79,097.75	Approved February 7
Legal	expenses	\$6,473.70	\$72,624.05	Approved on March 14, 2023
Library	Heating expenses for gas	\$3,454	\$69,170.05	Approved on March 14, 2023
Legal	Legal expenses	\$11,094.88	\$58,075.17	Approved on April 4, 2023
Library	Heating bills	\$1,430	\$56,645.17	Approved on April 4, 2023
Library	Heating bills	\$1,149.34	\$55,495.83	Approved on April 18 2023
legal	Legal expenses	\$18,104.41	\$37,391.42	Approved on May 2, 2023
Library	Heating bills	\$6,500	\$30,891.42	Approved on May 2, 2023