



**TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Boxborough, MA 01719**

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Boxborough Finance Committee

PLACE: Zoom

Finance Committee Meeting | June 2nd @ 7:30 PM

Per Governor Baker's Emergency Order suspending certain provisions of Open Meeting Law dated March 12, 2020, the Finance Committee Meeting will be held through a Zoom session only. Click on the link to join or dial in by phone. Details are below.

In attendance: Ling Chen, Gary Kushner, Sachin Mathur, Becky Neville

Missing: none

Other: Andrea Terkelsen, Keshava Srivastava, Priya Sundaram, Ed Kukkula

Agenda:

Minutes for May 19, 2021

Becky moved to approve the minutes, Sachin seconded

Becky-aye, Ling-aye, Sachin-aye, Gary – aye

RFT for Hagar well discussed with Ed Kukkula providing background.

The chlorine system is required to be monitored weekly at a cost of \$1100 per month. This cost was not planned in the FY21 budget as we were expecting to replace the lining of the tank with last years warrant article. Based on the testing we will continue to test next fiscal year even after replacing the lining. There was a concern that the voted budget did not include the required funds. Gary to check and if required will modify the budget (article 5) during ATM.

Becky moved the RFT for \$13,200 and Ling seconded for 001-425-5304-0000.

Becky-aye, Ling-aye, Sachin-aye, Gary-aye

RFT for Town Accountant

Jennifer resigned in May at Town accountant. Andrea Terkelsen was brought in as a consultant. The consultant dollars fall under Other and cannot be paid with funds from Salary.

The RFT is to cover the cost of the Consultant

Becky moved \$18,000 and seconded by Ling for 001-135-5306-0000

Gary did ask about a specific line item in the Other budget as we do not have a consultant line item. Andrea will add

Becky-aye, Ling-aye, Sachin-aye, Gary-aye

The FinCom had deferred their recommendation on Article 38 prior to the warrant being closed. This was due to the last-minute changes being made to the article and the time we had



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to review the article. The FinCom reviewed article 38 at their June 2nd meeting.
recommendation after discussion

Worried that the bylaw will cut down on tenants including the second half of 1414 Mass Ave.
Worried about Town Center and no's for laboratory, etc. consider Special permit
Becky moved to recommend and Ling seconded
Becky-no, Ling-no, Sachin-abstain, Gary -no
The FinCom does not recommend 3-0-1

Amendment discussion, the FinCom is aware of a number of potential amendments including the FinCom amendment on article 4.

Article 4,

Article 4 is made up of 3 sections and there will be 3 votes. Discussion on 1.4% vs. 2.4%
FinCom will stay with original view and go with the amendment of 1.4%. Becky will obviously
vote against it. Gary will present the amendment and discuss the factors leading up to the
amendment. The difference between a 1.4% and a 2.4% increase is \$20,445.
Becky moved to recommend the 2.4% as currently in article 4.
Becky-yes, Ling-no, Sachin – no, Gary - yes
The FinCom agreed to go with the amendment.

It is possible there will be an amendment under the police budget in Article 5 to remove a
cruiser.

The FinCom approved the budget with the cruiser so no new vote required and do not support
a change to the police dept.

It is possible there will be amendment under article 7 to require a softball field.

Gary – no, Becky -no, Ling- no, Sachin-no

If there is an amendment to change baseball to softball then FinCom does not support

It is almost certain there will be an amendment under article 14 to slightly increase the dollars
and change from hours for the coordinator to hours for a support person.

The FinCom recommends

Becky-aye, Ling-aye, Sachin-aye, Gary-aye

It is almost certain that there will be an amendment under Article 38 to change the language
slightly regarding the word "training". No change in FinCom recommendation



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Becky Moved to adjourn and Sachin seconded
Becky-aye, Ling-aye, Sachin-aye, Gary-aye
Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM

Next meetings (could be cancelled if not needed):

June 12 at 8:30AM

June 15 (Town hall)

June 22 (Town hall)

July 6 final expenses approved (if required)

exhibits to be used:

RFT for Town accountant

RFT for Hager well

warrant

Budget v6a

Previous minutes for May 19

RTF tracker

| Item | description | Amount | Start at \$150,000 | comments |
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| | | | | |
| Firestation beds | | | | |
| Fire station doors | | | | |
| Museum HVAC | | | | |
| Town Accountant | consultant | \$18,000 | | Funding for Andrea T. |
| Hager Well testing | Chlorine weekly testing | \$13,200 | | Validate if in budget for FY22 |