



Billerica Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Billerica Town Hall  
Room 210  
7:00 PM  
January 11, 2018

**Finance Committee Members:**

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| David Gagliardi, Chair                  | Douglas Meagher, Vice Chair | Mary K. McBride, Secretary     |
| Doug Fogerty                            | Cheri Gargalianos           | Patrick Logue                  |
| Rino Moriconi                           | John Mulloy                 | Philip Newfell                 |
| Michael Riley                           | Blake Robertson             | Anthony Ventresca              |
| Jonathan Wright                         |                             |                                |
| Town Accountant Paul Watson, Ex-Officio |                             | Bee Magliozzi, Recording Clerk |

**ATTENDANCE:**

10 Committee Members present; Fogerty (Excused), Moriconi (Excused), Wright (Absent).

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

**PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

The Chair led the Committee in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**MEETING AUDIO RECORDING:**

The Chair informed the Committee that member Ventresca would be audio recording the meeting.

### **WATER RESERVE FUND TRANSFER:**

Abdul Atkhatib, Director of Department of Public Works, discussed the necessity to transfer \$41,000 from the Water Reserve Fund to Contract Services to fund the purchase of a new raw water pump for the water treatment plant.

The price also includes the installation of the pump.

There are currently 3 pumps in service with 2 continually in use. All 3 pumps are used during the warm months

Much discussion ensued with opinions expressed on both sides.

A motion to transfer \$41,000 from the Water Reserve Fund to Contract Services was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 10-0-0.

\*\* Please see Attachment 'A'

### **MEETING AGENDA POSTING:**

There was discussion on amending a posted agenda prior to a meeting.

It was determined that an agenda may be modified and reposted.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

The November 14, 2017 were reviewed and voted upon.

A motion to accept the Minutes of November 14, 2017 was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 8-0-2(Ventresca, Gargalianos).

### **TOWN COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

Committee member, Jonathan Wright, has consistently missed meetings without giving notice.

Following discussion, it was decided that the Chair would discuss the issue with Town Moderator McKenna, then telephone Mr. Wright and follow-up with a formal letter suggesting his withdrawal from the Committee

A motion to contact Moderator McKenna and Mr. Wright both by both telephone and letter was moved by Meagher and seconded by McBride.

The vote was 10-0-0.

**OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT:**

On December 22, 2017 Billerica resident, Janet Morris, 74 Tercentennial Drive, filed a formal complaint with the MA Attorney General's office regarding the Open Meeting Law complaint she filed with the Committee on October 3, 2017.

The Chair contacted the Attorney General's office and was notified that the case has yet to be assigned. The Chair will continue to follow-up with the AG's office and keep the Committee notified of all communication.

\*\* Please see Attachment 'B'

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting TBD.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Meagher and seconded by McBride. The vote was 10-0-0.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Bee Magliozzi, Recording Clerk**

**Attachment 'A'**



DPW Transfer  
Request (1-11-18).pdf

**Attachment 'B'**



Morris Complaint  
12-22-17.pdf