



## Billerica Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Billerica Town Hall

Room 210

7:00 PM

April 24, 2018

### **Finance Committee Members:**

David Gagliardi, Chair

Doug Fogerty

Rino Moriconi

Michael Riley

Town Accountant Paul Watson, Ex-Officio

Douglas Meagher, Vice Chair

Cheri Gargalianos

John Mulloy

Blake Robertson

Mary K. McBride, Secretary

Patrick Logue (8:29p)

Philip Newfell

Anthony Ventresca

Bee Magliozzi, Recording Clerk

### **ATTENDANCE:**

11 Committee Members Present, 1 Excused (Gargalianos), 0 Absent

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### **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.

**ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING ON WARRANT BUDGET:**

**ARTICLE 5:**

Article 5 was presented by Billerica School Superintendent, Tim Piowar, and Director of Finance & Operations, Robin Hulsoor, to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement includes the statement that the Cafeteria employees will only receive the services that all other Town employees receive.

Discussion ensued following the Article's review.

A motion to recommend Article 5 as presented was moved by Meagher and seconded by Riley.

The vote was 9-1(Ventresca)-0.

\*\* Please see Attachment 'A'

**ARTICLE 22:**

Article 22 was presented by the Town of Billerica's Chief Assessor, Richard Scanlon.

He reviewed the transfer from the Overlay Surplus in the amount of \$50,000 necessary to defend Massachusetts Appellate Tax Board legal cases. He also discussed the increased value that ATB cases bring to the Town.

A motion to recommend Article 22 as presented was moved by Meagher and seconded by Moriconi.

The vote was 10-0-0

\*\* Please see Attachment 'B'

**Article 23:**

Article 23 was presented by the Town of Billerica's Chief Assessor, Richard Scanlon.

Scanlon reviewed the 2020 recertification mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and the funds necessary to fund a consulting contract. The Article would allow the transfer \$132,000 from Overlay Surplus.

Audit for Value takes place on a 5 year cycle. Also, it is mandated by the Commonwealth that every property must be inspected every 10 years. Discussion ensued following the Article's review.

A motion to recommend Article 23 as presented was moved by Meagher and seconded by Moriconi.

The vote was 10 -0-0.

\*\* Please see Attachment 'C'

**Article 32:**

Article 32 was presented by the Town of Billerica's Community Development Director, Rob Anderson.

The Article requests approval of Clear Motion, Inc's certified project application for 805 Middlesex Turnpike. The building has been vacant for 10 years and the current base value is \$6,300,00 due to the decrease in the property's value.

The project would generate 105 new jobs with 10% being employment opportunities for Billerica residents. It would also create continued growth and expansion of Billerica facilities.

Estimated taxes to be collected over the lease period would be \$2,174,705.

Discussion ensued following the Article's review.

A motion to recommend Article 32 as presented was moved by Meagher and seconded by Moriconi.

The vote was 9-0-1 (Fogerty).

\*\* Please see Attachment 'D'

**Article 33:**

Approval of the Article would transfer ownership of Parcel 'B' Cabot land to the Billerica Conservation Commission in compliance for wetland mitigation.

Discussion ensued following the Article's review.

A motion to recommend Article 33 as presented was moved by Meagher and seconded by McBride.

The vote was 9-1(Robertson)-0.

\*\* Please see Attachment 'E'

**Article 31:**

Approval of the Article would transfer \$266,000 Overlay Surplus to purchase 8 Carter Avenue and an associated riverfront parcel on Carter Avenue. It would also transfer \$20,000 from Overlay Surplus for demolition and improvement purposes.

This land would become custody of the Conservation Commission.

Discussion ensued following the Article's review.

A motion to recommend Article 31 as presented was moved by Meagher and seconded by McBride.

The vote was 7-3(Robertson, Ventresca, Mulloy)-1(Logue).

\*\* Please see Attachment 'F'

**ACCEPTANCE OF March 20, 2018 MINUTES:**

The March 20, 2018 Minutes were reviewed and voted upon.

A motion to accept the Minutes of March 20, 2018 was moved by Moriconi and seconded by McBride.

The vote was 9-0-2 (Meagher, Logue).

**ACCEPTANCE OF March 22, 2018 MINUTES:**

The March 22, 2018 Minutes were reviewed and voted upon.

A motion to accept the Minutes of March 22, 2018 was moved Moriconi and seconded by McBride.

The vote was 7-0-4 (Meagher, Fogerty, Logue, Ventresca).

**ACCEPTANCE OF April 10, 2018 MINUTES:**

The April 10, 2018 Minutes were reviewed and voted upon.

A motion to accept the Minutes of April 10, 2018 was moved by Newfell and seconded by Riley.

The vote was 8-0-3(Ventresa, Robertson, Mulloy).

**LIAISON REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

None

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting to be held April 26, 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Moriconi and seconded by McBride.

The vote was 11-0-0.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

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