



Billerica Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Billerica Town Hall

Room 210

6:30 PM

April 26, 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 (7:25)

John Mulloy

Blake Robertson

Mary K. McBride, Secretary

Patrick Logue

Philip Newfell

Anthony Ventresca

Bee Magliozzi, Recording Clerk

ATTENDANCE:

12 Committee Members Present, 0 Excused, 0 Absent

Due to the various other meetings held during the evening, some members were excused and then returned to the Finance Committee meeting.

Ventresca (6:35-8:05p)

Moriconi (6:35-8:05p)

Meagher (7:00-8:05p)

Logue (7:25-8:28p)

McBride (7:25-8:31p)

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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:

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

The Sealer of Weights and Measures Budget was presented to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

The FY2019 Budget is level funded.

A Committee member requested that the out-source company (NMCOG) that the Town uses attend a Finance Committee meeting with their own budget.

Discussion ensued following the Article's review.

A motion to recommend the Sealer of Weights and Measures Budget as presented was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 8-1(Ventresca)-1(Robertson).

ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING ON WARRANT:

Town Manager, John Curran, presented the following Articles:

ARTICLE 4:

A motion to dismiss Article 4 was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 11-0-0.

ARTICLE 7:

A motion to dismiss Article 7 was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 11-0-0.

ARTICLE 8:

A motion to dismiss Article 8 was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 11-0-0.

ARTICLE 9:

A motion to dismiss Article 9 was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 11-0-0.

ARTICLE 10:

A motion to dismiss Article 10 was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 11-0-0.

PUBLIC MEETING:

A motion to open the Public Meeting at 7:00pm was moved by McBride and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 8-0-0.

ARTICLE 6:

Article 6 will transfer funds from available accounts for the first year costs in the BMEA DPW collective Bargaining Agreement.

It compares the Cost of Living Index to the CPI which has averaged 2% for the past 2 years.

DPW employees will each receive a \$250 stipend with the elimination of the Civil Service List.

The Parks & Trees Departing and the Cemetery Departing are becoming separate on July 1, 2018.

\$137,453 will be transferred from Free Cash, \$82,917 will be transferred from Water Retained Earnings and \$49,872 will be transferred from Waste Water with a total of \$270,242.

The sum of \$367,804 will be transferred to 6 specific line items.
Discussion ensued following the Article's review.

A motion to recommend Article 6 as presented was moved by Gagliardi and seconded by Riley.

The vote was 6-3(Ventresca, Robertson, Logue)-1(Gargalianos).

ARTICLE 11:

Article 11 will adopt a line item budget for FY19 to fund a portion of the Debt Service Budget.

Discussion ensued following the Article's review.

A motion to recommend Article 11 in the amount of \$150,308,106 was moved by Meagher and seconded by McBride.

The vote was 6-3(Ventresca, Robertson, Logue)-0.

ARTICLE 12:

A motion to reconsider Article 12, a Water Enterprise Budget item, was moved by Meagher and seconded by McBride due to a scrivener's error.

The vote was 9-0-0

Discussion ensued following the Article's reconsideration.

A motion to recommend Article 12, amending the total to \$6,188,894 from \$6,188,984, correcting a scrivener's error, was moved by McBride and seconded by Riley.

The vote was 6-3(Ventresca, Robertson, Logue)-0.

ARTICLE 17:

The Article will transfer \$55,264.87 from Overlay Surplus to fund the Debt Stabilization Fund.

Discussion ensued following the Article's review.

A motion to recommend Article 17 as presented was moved by McBride and seconded by Riley.

The vote was 9-0-0.

TOWN MEETING CAUCUS RECESS:

The Chair recessed the meeting at 7:25pm for the Town Meeting Caucus.
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECONVENES:

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 8:05pm. Article 6 was then completed.

ARTICLE 18:

Article 18 was Withdrawn.

ARTICLE 24:

Article 24 will transfer \$140,490 from the balances of the following unexpended of previously approved articles to fund the purchase of a front loader for the Highway Department:

Article # 14 Fall Town Meeting Oct 2017	\$ 21,000
Article # 21 Spring Town Meeting May 2016	\$ 6,183
Article # 19 Fall Town Meeting Oct 2015	\$ 10,872
Article # 7 Fall Town Meeting Oct 2014	\$ 52,873
Article # 17 Fall Town Meeting Oct 2013	\$ 9,666
Article # 20 Fall Town Meeting Oct 2012	\$ 11,975
Article # 20 Fall Town Meeting Oct 2011	\$ 20,950
Article # 14 Fall Town Meeting Oct 2017	\$ 6,971

Also, to transfer \$101,894 from the following unexpended balances of previously approved articles:

Article # 19 Fall Town Meeting Oct 2015	\$ 20,927
Article # 7 Fall Town Meeting Oct 2014	\$ 80,882
Article # 20 Fall Town Meeting Oct 2012	\$ 85

A motion to recommend Article 24 as presented was moved by McBride and seconded by Riley.

The vote was 8-1(Robertson)-2 (McBride, Ventresca).

ARTICLE 26:

Article 26 will authorize the Lease/Purchase contract for a mower with attachments and accessories for a term of 3 years with the option to purchase the mover at the conclusion of the 3 year lease.

Discussion ensued following the Article's review.

A motion to recommend Article 24 as presented moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 11-0-0.

ARTICLE 30:

A motion to dismiss Article 30 was moved by Meagher and seconded by McBride.

The vote was 11-0-0.

ARTICLE 38:

Article 38 will amend Billerica's General By-Laws by inserting a chapter titled 'Stretch Energy Code' which will be incorporated into the Town By-Laws.

This new code will apply to the design and construction of new buildings to make them energy efficient and 'Green'.

Communities are currently required to achieve a 20% reduction in energy consumption within 5 years. Compliance will also make communities eligible for additional energy grants after meeting the 5 requirements of the MGL. Billerica currently meets three of the five.

Discussion ensued following the Article's review.

A motion to recommend Article 38 as presented was moved by McBride and seconded by Riley.

The vote was 8-3(Ventresca, Robertson, Logue)-0.

LIAISON REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

None

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE:

None

NEXT MEETING:

TBD

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSE:

A motion to close the public hearing at 9:30pm was moved by Fogerty and seconded by Riley.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The vote was 11-0-0.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:31pm.

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