



## Billerica Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Billerica Town Hall  
Room 210  
7:00 PM  
March 19, 2019

### **Finance Committee Members:**

David Gagliardi, Chair  
Donald Damon  
John Kleschinsky, 1<sup>st</sup> Associate  
Scott Morris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Associate

Douglas Meagher, Vice Chair  
Douglas Fogerty  
Patrick Logue  
John Mulloy

Mary K. McBride, Secretary  
Cheri Gargalianos  
Rino Moriconi  
Philip Newfell

Anthony Ventresca

Town Accountant Paul Watson, Ex-Officio

Bee Magliozzi, Recording Clerk

### **ATTENDANCE:**

12 Committee Members Present, 1 (Ventresca) Excused, 0 Absent

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7.03pm.

### **PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

N/A

### **BUDGETS:**

#### **175 Planning Board**

Town Manager John Curran and Chris Reilly, Director of Planning, presented the FY20 Planning Board Budget.

Nearly all the Budget is for salaries. The Principal Clerk's slot is open, and Reilly hopes to fill the opening soon.

A motion to recommend the FY20 Planning Board Budget of \$143,511 was made by Doug Meagher and seconded by Patrick Logue.

The vote was 11 – 0 - 0.

### **171 Conservation Commission**

The Town Manager and Isabel Tourkantonis, Director of Environmental Affairs, presented the FY20 Conservation Commission Budget.

The Budget is level service funded with most of the Budget being salaries. There was some discussion regarding problems with beavers. The Commission would also like new signs for Town conservation land and educational brochures.

A motion to recommend the FY20 Conservation Commission Budget of \$226,255 was made by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 11 – 0 - 0.

### **220 Fire Department**

The Town Manager and Fire Department Chief Robert Cole presented the FY20 Fire Department Budget.

As part of contract negotiations, the Fire Department has a proposed new organization chart, which will become effective with approval of the funding for the contract, Warrant Article # 4. The contract reflects settlement of the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019 contract, with increases of 2/2/2% for the life of that contract. Due to the retroactive increases, the FY20 Budget includes a 7.86% increase.

With Billerica PD and paramedics, the Department teaches CPR/AED to every 6<sup>th</sup> grade student in Billerica, with a goal of certifying about 400 students a year through the American Heart Association.

It is required to replace turnout gear every ten years in order to meet current standards. Repairs which are done by the Fire Department mechanics save the Town much in repair funds.

There was much discussion about many topics, and then a motion to recommend the FY20 Fire Department Budget of \$8,516,778 was made by Meagher and seconded by Donald Damon.

The vote was 11 – 0 - 0.

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List.pdf

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### **122 Board of Selectmen**

Town Manager Curran presented the FY20 Board of Selectman Budget. One member of the BOS will donate her salary to the Schools.

A motion to recommend the FY20 Board of Selectman Budget of \$115,782 was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

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

\*\* Please see Attachment 'G'



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Annual Report.doc

### **123 Town Manager**

Town Manager Curran presented the FY20 Town Manager Budget.

The Budget decreased by 1%. There is a \$3,000 decrease in contract leases with an increase in salaries due to personnel contracts.

A motion to recommend the FY20 Town Manager Budget of \$847,366 was moved by Meagher and seconded by Moriconi.

The vote was 11 – 0 - 0.

### **129 Cable Advisory Committee**

Town Manager Curran presented the FY20 Cable Advisory Committee Budget. Every five years new cable service Budgets are negotiated with Comcast and Verizon. There will be two Consulting for the Town, one for Comcast and one for Verizon.

A motion to recommend the FY20 Cable Advisory Committee Budget of \$5,000 was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 11 – 0 - 0.

### **131 Finance Committee**

David Gagliardi, Finance Committee Chairman, presented the FY20 Finance Committee Budget.

The level funded Budget is comprised of a permanent part-time employee, Printing the Budget/Warrant Recommendations, ATFC Membership, and the Reserve Fund of \$84,520.

A motion to recommend the FY20 Finance Committee Budget of \$87,120 was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 11 - 0 - 0.

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDANCE:**

N/A

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting to be held on March 26, 2019 at 7:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The vote was 11 - 0 - 0.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:06pm.

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