

**BILLERICA FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**March 30, 2021**

A Meeting of the Billerica Finance Committee was held on Tuesday March 30, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing Communication App.

Present: David Gagliardi, Chairman; Douglas Meagher, Vice Chairman; Mary McBride, Secretary; John Kleschinsky, Member; Donald Damon, Member; Doug Fogerty, Member; Cheri Gargalianos, Member; Patrick Logue, Member; Rino Moriconi, Member; John Mulloy, Member; Kelley Sardina, 1<sup>st</sup> Associate; Philip Newfell, Member; Sharon Healey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Associate; Town Accountant Paul Watson, Ex-Officio; and Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman David Gagliardi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one came forward for public comment.

**ARTICLES: – John Curran, Town Manager, and Paul Watson, Town Accountant**  
**Article 13 – To Allow the Town Manager and Finance Committee to Transfer Funds**

This article allows the Town Manager to transfer funds between budget line items within a particular department not to exceed \$5,000 per fiscal year. This is a routine article.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions or concerns. Is there a legal reason for the \$5,000 amount? No, it was \$3,000 a few years back and Finance Committee voted it up to the current \$5,000 to allow for inflation and such.

Doug Meagher seconded by Don Damon made a motion to recommend Article 13 as printed in the Preliminary Warrant.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 11-0:

John Kleschinsky – Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos - Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Kelley Sardina - Aye  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Patrick Logue - Aye  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Aye

**Article 14 – To Authorize Department Revolving Funds**

This is an Article to be voted on each year. The state eliminated part of the statutory obligation a few years ago but we still have to establish the limit each year. See the warrant for the chart of spending limits.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions or concerns. There were no questions.

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to recommend Article 14 as printed in the Preliminary Warrant.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 11-0:

John Kleschinsky – Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos - Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Kelley Sardina - Aye  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Patrick Logue - Aye  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Aye

**Article 15 – To Fund construction of the Peggy Hannon-Rizza Multi-Generational Park and Recreation Complex**

Mr. Curran, using a Power Point Presentation, went over what has changed with this project since the last time it was presented. The biggest changes are the construction cost has gone up by \$600,000 plus an estimated \$500,000 for adding the extra restrooms. He also went over the how it all would be paid for along with a payment schedule. Both the Select Board and the Community Preservation Committee voted in favor of the project. There were some concerns that this project and the Howe School project might drain the CPA funds. Mr. Curran went over a payment schedule of how the debt would be paid while still growing funds for future projects. It is going to truly be a multi-generational park. They will be preserving the wetlands and improving the walking trails around the park.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions or concerns. Is \$11 Million the actual figure? Yes, \$3 Million will come from Free Cash, \$5.4 Million will be borrowed funds from CPA and the rest will be borrowed funds. The town side will be a total of \$5,479,230 and the CPA side will be \$5,422,015. Turf is more expensive what is the benefit of the turf over grass? With turf there can be multiple games a day played on the field a day. With grass you cannot. They can also have football and Lacrosse played on the same field in the same day. The bathroom upgrade cost increase is because there was concern there were not enough restrooms. The committee would like a copy of the presentation. Mr. Curran will be sending a copy to Mary McBride to

forward to the committee. (Note: Emailed to members during this meeting.) What was the CPC vote on the PHR project? It was a unanimous vote of 9 to 0. Who operates the concession stands? The youth organizations who use the fields operate them. What is the Town's liability? The Town carries the insurance on the building and the youth groups are required to carry insurance. Is the Town providing utilities etc.? Can the Town recoup some of the cost by having outside vendors come in? Yes, via the permit fee process. There are a few committee members that like the project but are not comfortable with the funding of this project. It is a great tribute to a wonderful person.

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to recommend Article 15 as printed in the Preliminary Warrant with the understanding that the final motion will reflect \$3 million from Free Cash, \$5.4 in CPC Spending, and \$2.6 in Town Debt.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 8-3:

John Kleschinsky – Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos - Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Nay  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Kelley Sardina - Nay  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Patrick Logue - Nay  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Aye

**Doug Fogerty joined the meeting at 8:05**

**Article 17 – To Purchase Property Located at 367 Boston Road**

Mr. Curran stated the main purpose of this article is to purchase a piece of property that abuts Town Hall Property to help increase parking. The negotiated price is \$95,000 and would come from Free Cash.

Chairman Gagliardi's computer froze and the Vice Chair had to take over until he could sign back on.

Vice Chairman Meagher opened the floor to the committee for questions or concerns. Do we have issues with students parking in the municipal parking? We used to but they have not been an issue lately. There will about 47 new parking spaces. The property is about 16931 sq. ft. (+/-). No figure yet as to about how much it will be to pave it.

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to recommend Article 17 as printed in the Preliminary Warrant.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 9-1-1:

John Kleschinsky – Aye

Cheri Gargalianos - Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Kelley Sardina - Nay  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Patrick Logue - Aye  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Abstain

**Article 26 – To Establish Cultural Council and Renaming Arts Council**

This is a housekeeping article; the laws have changed and in order for the committee to be eligible for grants they have to change their name to the Local Cultural Council. It needs to be added to the by law.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions or concerns. Why does the council have term limits? It was in the previous by laws and carried over. Is this something that needs to be changed? They can ask Town Counsel and it can be amended in the final warrant.

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to recommend Article 26 as printed in the Preliminary Warrant.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 10-0-1:

John Kleschinsky – Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos - Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Kelley Sardina - Aye  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Patrick Logue - Abstain  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Aye

**Vote DPW Articles 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25**

The above listed articles were all discussed at a prior meeting and tonight they will all be voted on.

**Article 19 – To fund the Purchase of a Grinder Replacement for the Roger Street Pumping Station**

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to recommend Article 19 as printed in the Preliminary Warrant.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 10-0-1:

John Kleschinsky – Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos - Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Kelley Sardina - Abstain  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Patrick Logue - Aye  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Aye

**Article 20 – To Fund Unaccounted for Water (UAW) Compliance Plan**

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to recommend Article 20 as printed in the Preliminary Warrant.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 9-1-1:

John Kleschinsky – Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos - Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Kelley Sardina - Abstain  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Patrick Logue - Nay  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Aye

**Article 21 – To fund the Purchase of a Loader Replacement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to recommend Article 21 as printed in the Preliminary Warrant.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 10-0-1:

John Kleschinsky – Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos - Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Kelley Sardina - Abstain  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Patrick Logue - Aye  
Phil Newfell - Aye

Dave Gagliardi - Aye

**Article 22 – To Fund the Additional Design, Permitting and Easement Appraisals and Acquisitions for Sewer Contract 37 and Easement Appraisals and Acquisitions for Contract 38**

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to recommend Article 22 as printed in the Preliminary Warrant.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 10-0-1:

John Kleschinsky – Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos - Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Kelley Sardina - Abstain  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Patrick Logue - Aye  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Aye

**Article 23 – To Fund the Repair of 18” Sewer Force Main Break**

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to recommend Article 23 as printed in the Preliminary Warrant.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 10-0-1:

John Kleschinsky – Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos - Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Kelley Sardina - Abstain  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Patrick Logue - Aye  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Aye

**Article 24 – To Fund the Design and Rehabilitation of 15,000 LF of 18” Sewer Force Main**

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to recommend Article 24 as printed in the Preliminary Warrant.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 11-0:

John Kleschinsky – Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos - Aye

Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Doug Fogerty - Aye  
Patrick Logue - Aye  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Aye

**Article 25 – Boston Road 75% to 100% Design, Permitting and Easement Appraisals and Acquisitions**

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to recommend Article 25 as printed in the Preliminary Warrant.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 9-2:

John Kleschinsky – Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos - Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Nay  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Doug Fogerty - Aye  
Patrick Logue - Nay  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Aye

**MINUTES:**

**Minutes of March 11 and 16, 2021**

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to accept the March 11, 2021 minutes.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 11-0:

John Kleschinsky – Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos-Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Doug Fogerty – Aye  
Patrick Logue - Aye  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Aye

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to accept the March 16, 2021 minutes.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 11-0:

John Kleschinsky – Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos-Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Doug Fogerty – Aye  
Patrick Logue - Aye  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Aye

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE – not subject to discussion**

Next Meeting April 13, 2021 – An advertised Public Hearing

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to adjourn.

A roll call vote was taken  
It was voted 11-0:

John Kleschinsky - Aye  
Cheri Gargalianos–Aye  
Rino Moriconi - Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Doug Fogerty – Aye  
Patrick Logue - Aye  
Phil Newfell - Aye  
Dave Gagliardi - Aye

Chairman David Gagliardi adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

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Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk