



Billerica Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Billerica Town Hall
Room 210
7:00 PM
April 2, 2019

Finance Committee Members:

David Gagliardi, Chair	Douglas Meagher, Vice Chair	Mary K. McBride, Secretary
Donald Damon	Douglas Fogerty	Cheri Gargalianos
John Kleschinsky, 1 st Associate (7:07p)	Patrick Logue (8:14p)	Rino Moriconi
Scott Morris, 2 nd Associate (7:36p)	John Mulloy	Philip Newfell
Anthony Ventresca		
Town Accountant Paul Watson, Ex-Officio	Bee Magliozzi, Recording Clerk	

ATTENDANCE:

13 Committee Members Present, 0 Excused, 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.

MEETING AUDIO RECORDING:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

BUDGETS:

510 Board of Health

John Curran, Town Manager, and Rich Berube, Health Director, presented the FY20 Board of Health Budget. The budget was reduced slightly because a Step 5 Health Agent left and was replaced by a Step 1 Agent. Permitting for Health will be combined with Conservation and Building in the new Permit Alley in the ground level of Town Hall created to expedite permitting for residents and professionals. Berube is retiring in November.

A motion to recommend the Board of Health's FY20 Budget of \$370,188 was moved by Doug Meagher and seconded by Rino Moriconi.

The vote was 8- 1 (Ventresca) – 1 (Kleschinsky).

241 Building Department

Town Manager Curran and Mark LaLumiere, Building Commissioner, presented the department's FY20 budget which increased slightly due to contractual obligations. The department collected \$906,069 in inspection fees. LaLumiere said that records are in the process of being scanned to make them available online to residents and contractors.

A motion to recommend the Building Department's FY20 Budget of \$624,536 was moved by Meagher and seconded by Donald Damon.

The vote was 10 – 0.

541 Council on Aging

Chair Gagliardi recused himself.

Jean Bushnell, Council on Aging Director, presented the FY20 COA department budget. Bushnell discussed the many services offered by the COA to Billerica's senior community and the impact the growing senior population will have on the Town of Billerica and on the COA. The 3.3% increase in this Budget reflects the addition of a part-time social worker to address issues in the senior community.

A motion to recommend the Council on Aging's FY20 Budget of \$357,728 was moved by Moriconi and seconded by Mary K. McBride.

The vote was 10 – 0 – 1 (Logue).

610 Public Library

Vice Chair Meagher said that he has filed a disclosure with the Moderator and spoke with someone from Ethics and he may discuss and vote on the Budget, but not on specific salaries.

Jan Hagman, Public Library Director, presented the FY20 Library budget.

A motion to recommend the Public Library's FY20 Budget of \$1,612,440 was moved by Meagher and seconded by McBride.

The vote was 11 – 0 - 0.

WARRANT ARTICLES:

ARTICLE 1 – TO SET COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

There was discussion in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 41-Section 108, regarding the salary and compensation of all elected town officials. These salaries shall be fixed annually by a vote of Town Meeting.

Discussion included the following salaries:

Selectmen Chairman - \$2,000, Selectmen Members - \$1,800 and Town Clerk - \$108,507.10

A motion to recommend Article 1 as printed in the Preliminary Town Warrant was moved by Meagher and seconded by Patrick Logue.

The vote was 8 – 3 (Meagher, McBride, Gargalianos) – 0.

ARTICLE 2 -TO HEAR REPORTS OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEE & OFFICERS

There was brief discussion regarding this article which allows Town Meeting to hear and act upon reports of Town Departments and Committees.

A motion to recommend Article 2 as printed in the Preliminary Town Warrant was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 11- 0 - 0.

ARTICLE 25 – TO ALLOW THE TOWN MANAGER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE TO TRANSFER FUNDS

The Committee had discussion on this article which gives the Town Manager the authority to transfer funds between budget line items within the same department, not to exceed \$5,000 per department in FY20.

A motion to recommend Article 25 as printed in the Preliminary Town Warrant was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 11- 0 - 0.

ARTICLE 26 – TO AUTHORIZE DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

This article regards Revolving Funds which must be established by By-Law. Under the statute, as most recently amended, Town Meeting must authorize the funding limit of Revolving Funds each year.

A motion to recommend Article 26 as printed in the Preliminary Town Warrant was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 11- 0 - 0.

ARTICLE 31 – TO AUTHORIZE LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Discussion regarding the necessity of this article pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44-Section 21C, a lease/purchase agreement must be approved by a two-thirds vote of Town Meeting. In the first year, appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 is included in the FY18 Cemetery, Parks and Trees Division.

A motion to recommend Article 31 as amended was moved by Meagher and seconded by Damon.

The vote was 11- 0 - 0.

ARTICLE 32 – TO FUND TOWN CAPITAL BUDGETS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

This article will appropriate funding from previously approved Capital articles with surplus balances to other Capital articles to fully fund those articles. Discussion among the Committee ensued.

A motion to recommend Article 32 as printed in the Preliminary Town Warrant was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 11- 0 - 0.

ARTICLE 41 - TO ACCEPT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 138, SECTION 12 B OPERATION OF PREMISES LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; NUDITY

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 138, Section 12B, Operation of Premises Licensed to Sell Alcohol Beverages; Nudity. The acceptance of this local option statute would prohibit any establishment licensed under Section 12 an alcohol pouring license and from allowing the display of nudity on the licensed premise.

After discussion, a motion to recommend Article 41 as printed in the Preliminary Town Warrant was moved by Meagher and seconded by Logue.

The vote was 6- 5 (Ventresca, Damon, Logue, Mulloy, Gargalianos) - 0.

REVIEW OF MARCH 12, 2019 MINUTES:

A motion to accept the Minutes of March 12, 2019 as amended was moved by Ventresca and seconded by McBride.

The vote was 11 – 0 – 0.

LIASION REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

CPC liaison Meagher informed the Committee that the Masonic organization withdrew their Application. The CPC Public Hearing will be held on April 4, 2019.

High School Building liaison Gagliardi informed the Committee that the building is on schedule and on budget.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDANCE:

N/A

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting to be held on April 4, 2019 at 7:00pm.

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 9:24pm.

Respectfully submitted
Bee Magliozzi, Recording Clerk