

BILLERICA FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 27, 2021

A Meeting of the Billerica Finance Committee was held on Tuesday April 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing Communication App.

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

Excused Absent: Patrick Logue, Member

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman David Gagliardi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ARTICLES:

Article 4 – Transfer Between 2021 Budget Line Items – John Curran and Paul Watson

This article seeks to amend various FY21 budget lines transferring \$50,000 from Workers Comp and \$50,000 from Unemployment for \$50,000 into Medicare Tax.

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

Doug Meagher seconded by Don Damon made a motion to recommend Article 4 as printed in the final warrant, the transfer of \$50,000 from Workers Comp and \$50,000 from Unemployment for a total of \$100,000 to Medicare Tax.

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
Doug Fogerty - Aye
Phil Newfell - Aye
Dave Gagliardi – Aye

Article 18 – Fund Town Parking Lot Project – John Curran and Paul Watson

Mr. Curran went over this article and how it ties into Article 17. The entire article will be creating a new parking area on the parcel purchased if passed by Town Meeting and redoing parts of the Town Hall parking on the Good Street side and in front of Town Hall. Some of the funding will come from the left-over funds from the generator project about \$443,000 to help start the project. The new parking lot on the Police side will be about 50 spaces or less. On the Boston Road side they would like to create some pedestrian access and possible closing off the second entrance out front to also create more parking and safer walking area.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions or concerns. How many other articles do we have left over money from? Not sure right now, will have to check on that. The parking lot size did not change with the new high school. Some parking was rearranged but we did not loose any spaces. The new lot parking will add over 40 but less than 50. The purchase is covered through free cash and this article is being covered by the left-over money from the generator project. The design will be of the whole project, but these funds may only cover the design portion and the new parking lot. Is this number going to keep growing? The million that was put in is just a place holder. The entire project will be the new lot, new lighting all around, possible drainage updates, reworking the front lot, etc. The front part of the property might be historical, but the back portion is just land and does not fall into the historical aspect. How much will the Town be losing in taxes per year by taking this property for parking? The house was sold for \$850,000 which is more than what it is worth, and we may end up not losing anything in fact we may end up getting more.

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to recommend Article 18 as printed in the final 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
Doug Fogerty - Aye
Phil Newfell - Aye
Dave Gagliardi – Aye

Review Minutes for March 23 & 30

The minutes were not ready prior to this meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE – not subject to discussion

Chairman Gagliardi reported from the High School Building Committee that there were problems with the new football field, they had puddling caused by the little rubber pellets within the turf. The pellets were sticking together and created a barrier. The problem is being corrected with liquid Dawn Dish Soap to help keep the pellets from sticking. It is a one-time application and is under warranty so there will be no cost to the Town. There was also a roof leak in the gym. So far there is no floor damage, and it is being addressed and it is also under warranty. Evergreen will be covering both issues.

Mr. Curran said the consensus agenda is not put together yet and there may be more than one.

ADJOURNMENT:

Doug Meagher seconded by John Mulloy 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
Kelley Sardina - Aye
Mary McBride – Aye
Doug Fogerty - Aye
Phil Newfell - Aye
Dave Gagliardi – Aye

Chairman David Gagliardi adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk