

**BILLERICA FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**July 5, 2022**

A Public Meeting of the Billerica Finance Committee was held on Tuesday July 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in room 210 of the Town Hall

Present: David Gagliardi, Chairman; John Mulloy, Vice Chairman; Mary McBride, Secretary; Donald Damon, Member; Douglas Fogerty, Member; Sharon Healey, Member; Patrick Logue, Member; Doug Meagher, Member; Philip Newfell, Member; Larry Norman, Member; Darlene Torre, Member, Kelley Sardina, 1<sup>st</sup> Associate, Brian Dorrington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Associate

Paul Watson, Ex-Officio Town Accountant; and Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

Chairman Gagliardi wanted to take a moment to welcome three new members to the Finance Committee. Darlene Torre, Larry Norman, and Brian Dorrington, welcome. He also wanted to thank Rino Moriconi for his 26 years on the committee. Thank you Rino.

**REORGANIZATION:**

Doug Meagher seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to nominate David Gagliardi as Chairman.

It was voted:

7 – In favor  
4 – Opposed – Damon,  
Logue, Torre and Mulloy

Don Damon seconded by Kelley Sardina made a motion to nominate Patrick Logue as Chairman.

Mary McBride, seconded by Patrick Logue made a motion to nominate John Mulloy as Vice Chairman.

It was voted:

11 – In favor  
0 – Opposed

Phil Newfell, seconded by Doug Meagher made a motion to nominate Mary McBride as Secretary

It was voted:

7 – In favor

4 – Opposed – Damon,  
Logue, Torre and Mulloy

Patrick Logue, seconded by Don Damon made a motion to nominate Donald Damon as Secretary

**DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS - Paul Watson, Town Accountant**

**Ambulance Department Transfer**

\$95,300 transfer from the salary Full Time Account to cover overtime. The department has a long-term injury, and that person will not be coming back. They have a new person at a new hire rate of pay and currently the paramedics salaries are in negotiations. They have had more over time than normal, and they are overworked.

John Mulloy, seconded by Patrick Logue made a motion to approve the transfer of \$95,300 from the Salary Full time to Salary Overtime.

It was voted:

11 – In favor  
0 – Opposed

**Wastewater Transfer**

A projected deficit for sludge hauling, the sludge is hauled away from the plant. It is normally budgeted at \$640,000. The deficit could be as high as \$68,400. They are asking to move funds in the amount of \$10,000 from the full-time salary and \$50,000 from supplies and expenses for a total of \$60,000. The sludge contract, like any other contract is bid on. The sludge is hauled away out of state, it is tough to find a place that will take the sludge. The price is driven by tonnage. There is more tonnage during a wet season. This is for last fiscal year, the June bills. Didn't they use to dry it so there was not so much? They did, but due to the smell and the labor. There seems to be a lot left in the supplies and expense account, why is that? It is mainly for chemicals, the wastewater dept uses less chemicals during a wet season. To budget for chemicals, they use the last five season average. As petroleum increases in price, the chemicals will also increase.

John Mulloy, seconded by Don Damon made a motion to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from the full-time salary and \$50,000 from supplies and expenses for a total of \$60,000 to the Contract Services account.

It was voted:

11 – In favor  
0 – Opposed

**Shared Costs Transfer**

Asking to move \$120,000 from Worker Comp acct and \$50,000 from Unemployment acct for a total of \$170,000 to the Medicare acct. The Medicare shared account covers the 1.45% payroll tax paid by the town. This is normally voted at Town Meeting. This year they decided to wait till the end of the fiscal year. If it happened that they had to take funds from a different dept, it is allowed now due to a change in the law, chapter

44, section 33. Right now, these transfers all are within the same department but a transfer from another dept can be completed through a vote from the Finance Committee and Select Board.

John Mulloy, seconded by Patrick Logue made a motion to approve the Shared Cost transfer of \$120,000 from Worker Comp acct and \$50,000 from Unemployment acct for a total of \$170,000 to the Medicare acct.

It was voted:

11 – In favor  
0 – Opposed

**NOTE** - The scrivener errors on all the transfer sheets will be removed/corrected on the Transfer Forms. Each form has a comment “Transfer will be used to cover COVID related expenses including masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, cleaning materials and spray sanitizer, as well as communication costs”

**MINUTES: May 5, 2022**

Review minutes of May 5, 2022

John Mulloy seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to accept the minutes of May 5, 2022.

It was voted:

8 – In favor  
0 – Opposed  
3- Abstained – Damon,  
Norman, and Torre

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE – not subject to discussion**

The next meeting will be early August

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Patrick Logue, seconded by Larry Norman made motion to adjourn.

It was voted:

11 – In favor  
0 – Opposed

Chairman David Gagliardi adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

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Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk