

**BILLERICA FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**August 13, 2020**

A Meeting of the Billerica Finance Committee was held on Thursday August 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing Communication App.

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

Excused Absence: Cheri Gargalianos, Member                      Absent: Doug Fogerty, Member  
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman David Gagliardi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

N/A

**DICUSSION AND VOTE OF FINCOM WARRANT ARTICLES FOR FALL TOWN MEETING**

Free Cash – John Curran, Town Manager

In the interest in expediting Town Meeting business to put articles together in one warrant article and leave some money in Free Cash. FY21 outlook is good with local aid being level funded so there should not be any real issues with this year's budget. However, we have to worry about FY22 which is the reason for leaving funds in the Free Cash. Mr. Curran would like to put a place holder in under the Selectmen's Warrant Articles for a Free Cash Article to disburse cash for various line items, one being Debt Stabilization. Leaving a significant balance in Free Cash in case it is needed this Spring.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions or concerns. There were a few questions such as what is the plan for any left-over free cash? It can be used to balance the budget next year if we fall on hard times. Other possible uses could be the Police Contract, maybe PHR if that comes back, etc. However, if we do not use it, it would go back. Will we be voting one at a time or all at once? It will be one at a time.

Doug Meagher seconded by Don Damon made a motion to submit the Preliminary Warrant Article (which is #18 in the Preliminary Warrant) to vote A Sum from Free Cash to Debt Stabilization Fund as presented in the handout.

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

John Kleschinsky - Aye  
Rino Moriconi – Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye

Sharon Healey - Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Kelley Sardina - Aye  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Patrick Logue – Aye  
Phil Newfell – Aye  
Dave Gagliardi – Aye

Doug Meagher seconded by Don Damon made a motion to submit the Preliminary Warrant Article (which became #19) to vote a Sum from Free Cash to Stabilization Fund as presented in the handout.

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

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

Doug Meagher seconded by Don Damon made a motion to submit the Preliminary Warrant Article (which became #20) to vote a Sum from Free Cash to the Land Bank Account as presented in the handout.

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

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

Doug Meagher seconded by Patrick Logue made a motion to submit the Preliminary Warrant Article (which became # 21) to vote a Sum from Free Cash to be applied or expended for the purpose of reducing the FY 2021 Tax Levy as presented in the handout.

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

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

Doug Meagher seconded by Patrick Logue made a motion to submit the Preliminary Warrant Article (which became #22) to vote a Sum from Free Cash to fund the snow and sand deficit as presented in the handout.

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

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

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**  
**July 7, 2020 Minutes**

Doug Meagher, seconded by Patrick Logue made a motion to approve the July 7, 2020 minutes as presented.

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

John Kleschinsky - Aye  
Rino Moriconi – Aye  
Doug Meagher – Aye  
Don Damon – Aye  
Sharon Healey - Aye  
John Mulloy – Aye  
Kelley Sardina - Aye  
Mary McBride – Aye  
Patrick Logue – Abstained

Phil Newfell – Aye  
Dave Gagliardi – Aye

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE – not subject to discussion**

Mary wanted to remind everyone that we could potentially be meeting every Tuesday and Thursday from now until Town Meeting.

Rino asked if there were any streets being accepted in the upcoming warrant? Mr. Curran said there were none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mary McBride seconded by Don Damon made a motion to adjourn.

A roll call vote was taken

It was voted 11-0:

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

Chairman David Gagliardi adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk