



**Town of Swampscott**  
**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tim Dorsey (Chair), Mary Ellen Fletcher (Vice-chair), Eric Hartmann, Joan Hilario, Matthew Kirschner, Cinder McNerney, Gail Rosenberg, Jill Sullivan

**OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Patrick Luddy, Treasurer/Collector

Article 2 – FY22 Budget

Amendments to Accounting and Treasury budgets:

Line Item 8 – Adjusted to \$186,230

Line Item 9 – Adjusted to \$16,156

Line Item 13 – Adjusted to \$224,309

Line Item 14 – Adjusted to \$121,600

On **MOTION** (Jill Sullivan) and **SECONDED** (MaryEllen Fletcher) it was recommended to **APPROVE** article 3 as amended.

**ROLL CALL:** Tim Dorsey (YES), MaryEllen Fletcher (YES), Eric Hartmann (Yes), Joan Hilario (YES), Matthew Kirschner (YES), Cinder McNerney (YES), Gail Rosenberg (YES), Jill Sullivan (YES)

Article 3 – CBA Agreements (Police & Fire)

\$157,500 Transfer from Free Cash to fund one-time payments in CBA for FY22: \$70,000 Police, \$82,500 for Fire

On **MOTION** (Mary Ellen Fletcher) and **SECONDED** (Eric Hartmann) it was recommended to approve article 3.

**ROLL CALL:** Tim Dorsey (YES), MaryEllen Fletcher (YES), Eric Hartmann (Yes), Joan Hilario (YES), Matthew Kirschner (YES), Cinder McNerney (YES), Gail Rosenberg (YES), Jill Sullivan (YES)

Article 6 – Appropriation of Transportation Infrastructure Network Receipts

The exact amount of funds for appropriation is still not known; the state has not provided confirmation of this information and it is unlikely the information will be known prior to town meeting.

On **MOTION** (Jill Sullivan) and **SECONDED** (Gail Rosenberg) Article 6 was recommended for **INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT**.

**ROLL CALL:** Tim Dorsey (YES), MaryEllen Fletcher (YES), Eric Hartmann (Yes), Joan Hilario (YES), Matthew Kirschner (YES), Cinder McNerney (YES), Gail Rosenberg (YES), Jill Sullivan (YES)

Article 11 – Appropriation for Capital Projects

Tim Dorsey commented that the Select Board will be advocating to appropriate the full \$100,000 for the harbor waterfront plan in Fiscal 2022, rather than the \$20,000 that the finance committee is recommending. He recapped the Select Board’s reasoning, which included Infrastructure funding from the federal government that is expected to be available in the near-term that will help fund components of this project, as well as a broader policy focus on resiliency.

Cinder McNerney voiced concern that the additional \$80,000 the Select Board is going to advocate for will be used as leverage for a larger grant. Because grant proceeds can be spent without further appropriation, Cinder McNerney is concerned with scope of the work that may be done with those funds without additional input from the public.

Cinder McNerney asked the committee what they think the harbor capital project would need to be renamed to if the Select Board is able to restore the project to the original \$100,000 requested. The motion as currently written renames the project to align with the grant, but the additional \$80,000 is for something different.

Jill Sullivan suggested adding “and resiliency measures” to the harbor/pier project in the event the Select Board restore the project to the original \$100,000 amount requested in the plan.

Article 12 – Citizens’ Petition

Matthew Kirschner asked for clarification regarding whether the committee had to opine on Article 12 or if the motion for indefinite postponement was sufficient.

Cinder McNerney commented that she will deliver the motion for indefinite postponement. Jill Sullivan offered to address any questions on Article 12 with content from the Finance Committee’s letter to town meeting.

On **MOTION** (Mary Ellen Fletcher) and **SECONDED** (Jill Sullivan) the meeting was **RECESSED**.

True Attest,  
Patrick Luddy, Assistant Town Accountant

*Patrick Luddy*

*Minutes APPROVED by vote of the Finance Committee 9/27/2021*