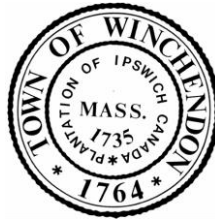


# TOWN OF WINCHENDON



## Finance Committee

Telephone (978)-297-5419

### **Regular Meeting**

Finance Committee Minutes

April 14, 2020

Remotely Recorded via Zoom

**Present:** Chairman Thomas J. Kane Jr., Vice-Chair Dr. Maureen Ward, David Alexander, Charles C. Corts, Douglas Delay, Keith Kent,

**Absent:** Phillip Levine

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### **List of Documents Presented at Meeting:**

- YTD Reports
  - Minutes- February 10th, 2020, March 9th 2020
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**6:30PM:** Chairman Thomas Kane called the Finance Committee meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

He read Governor Baker's order on conducting remote meetings followed by the rules and regulations for the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** 2/10/2020 & 3/9/2020

2/10/2020- Dr. Ward motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. Corts seconded. The board unanimously voted aye.

**Alexander (Y) Corts (Y) Delay (Y) Kent (Y) Ward (Y) Kane (Y) 6-0**

3/9/2020- Dr. Ward motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. Alexander seconded. The board unanimously voted aye.

**Alexander (Y) Corts (Y) Delay (Y) Kent (Y) Ward (Y) Kane (A) 5-0-1 Abstention**

### **YTD Reports:**

Mr. Kane brought up the fact that the health insurance line item has been expended a lot faster than planned and will end up being short between \$139,000-147,000. On the retiree side, there is an

estimated overage of \$29,000, making the net between \$110,000-\$118,000. After speaking to the Town Manager, it is due to an increase in employees enrolling in the health insurance through the town.

Mr. Delay mentioned there was note regarding possible savings in transportations due to the school closures and asked if it was too early to determine the recovery. Mr. Kane replied that he spoke to Mr. Hickey about that and doesn't believe it's too early. There haven't been any employees let go on the town side so there shouldn't be an increase in unemployment. In addition there are possible savings in areas like the library that isn't being utilized right now. Mr. Kane suggested Mr. Hickey and Ms. Goguen go through the line items to determine areas of savings. School, special education, and sports transportation are all services that are not being utilized during this shut down. There is an estimated surplus of roughly \$25,000 in Medicare costs and anticipated \$54,000 in Veterans costs, but that could change between now and June.

There was a question regarding the literacy coach for Toy Town and why there was \$28,000 that had not been used at all. After researching, there was a new line item and Mr. Kane believes that was the literacy coach line item and it was just renamed.

Mr. Kane planned on speaking to Joan about doing some projections on expenses that may not be necessary and how it would affect revenues.

Rick Ward mentioned that real estate and personal property taxes are usually due on May 1st but are extended to June 1st. The deadline to apply for exemptions on taxes has been extended to June 1st as well. Any additional interests and penalties are waived on any property, excise tax, betterment assessment, water/sewer bills with a due date on/after March 10th if payment is made by June 30th.

**Postponement of Town Meeting Elections:**

After speaking with Mr. Hickey, they are planning for the end of June 2020. All of the meetings and dates will be pushed back, particularly regarding the warrant and public hearing.

**Member Comments:** Dr. Ward congratulated Tracy Murphy for getting a \$50,000 grant for repairs to the Senior Center.


**Public Comments:** None.

Dr. Ward motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Corts. The board unanimously voted aye.

**Alexander (Y) Corts (Y) Delay (Y) Kent (Y) Ward (Y) Kane (Y) 6-0**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:02PM.**

Respectfully submitted:



Brianna Roberts, Finance Committee Recording Secretary

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Tom Kane, Chairman

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Maureen Ward, Vice-Chair

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David Alexander

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Charles C. Corts

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Douglas Delay

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Keith Kent

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Phillip Levine