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# TOWN OF WINCHENDON



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## Finance Committee

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### Regular Meeting/Public Hearing

Finance Committee Minutes

April 13, 2021

Held Remotely via Zoom

**Present:** Dr. Maureen Ward, Douglas Delay, Phillip Levine, David Alexander, Charles Corts

Stephen Delaney, Interim Town Manager

**Absent:** Chairman Thomas J. Kane, Jr., Keith Kent

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#### List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Minutes of the March 9, 2021 Meeting
- YTD Reports
- Draft Town Meeting Warrants

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**6:31PM:** Dr. Ward called the Finance Committee meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** March 9, 2021 – Mr. Alexander motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Delay. The Board voted aye. It was noted that Mr. Corts was not listed as absent in the minutes presented, Dr. Ward said she would have that corrected.

**Alexander (Y) Kent (Y) Levine (Y) Delay (Y) Ward (Y) Corts (A) 5-0-1 Approved**

**Review the Draft Town Meeting Warrant:** Mr. Delaney began screen sharing the draft warrant. He went through each item. Dr. Ward wished to confirm that the \$1.5 million capital repair to the senior center would not incur additional taxes. Mr. Delaney answered that was his understanding but he will check and confirm. It was noted that there is a request to the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation to partially cover some of this funding, reducing the cost to the Town if approved. Referring to article 17, Dr. Ward noted that the feature the new meters offer that allow the water usage to be checked via an app on your phone is very useful. Looking forward to the April 27<sup>th</sup> public hearing, Dr. Ward asked if legal counsel will have had a chance to review the Mellen Road warrant articles. Mr. Delaney answered yes.

**Year to Date Reports:** Dr. Ward said that we are 75% through the year but many School Department accounts have only expended 50%. She would like to know what is happening with the extra money and she wonders if it would have been better to have taken that money and put it in an encumbrance. She will

she wonders if it would have been better to have taken that money and put it in an encumbrance. She will get those answers and email the answers to the Committee. Regarding the vacation payout in the Veterans' Agent salary line item, Dr. Ward asked for clarification on the status of filling that position. She noted that veterans in Town have not been able to obtain their due payment in a timely manner. Mr. Delaney explained that there is currently an interim Veterans' Agent in place who works for a neighboring community. He was seeking the option of establishing a regional Veterans' Agent and has been trying to collaborate with neighboring towns. He has also been trying to obtain assistance from the State and has not been successful. He said it is a high priority in his office to get this straightened out right away and get the veterans paid.

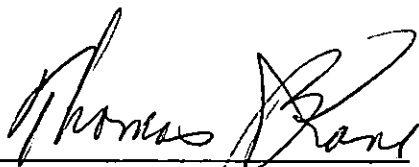
**Member Comments:** Dr. Ward thanked Ann Gobi and Jon Zlotnik for their herculean efforts to establish the 300-shot vaccine clinic to be held April 14<sup>th</sup> in Winchendon.

**Public Input:** None was heard.

**Mr. Corts motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Alexander. With a unanimous vote of all aye, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

Taylor Tower, Finance Committee Recording Secretary

  
Tom Kane, Chairman