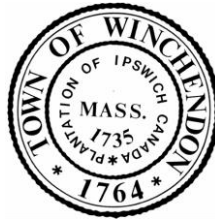


# TOWN OF WINCHENDON



## Finance Committee

Telephone (978)-297-5419

### Regular Meeting

Finance Committee Minutes

June 9th, 2020

Remotely Recorded via Zoom

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

**Absent:** Phillip Levine

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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:** 3/10/2020, 3/26/2020, 5/12/2020, 5/28/2020

Dr. Ward motioned to table the minutes from 3/10/2020, Seconded by Mr. Corts. The board unanimously voted aye.

**Alexander (Y) Corts (Y) Delay (Y) Ward (Y) Kane (A) 4-0-1 Abstention**

Dr. Ward motioned to accept the minutes from 3/26/2020. Seconded by Mr. Corts. The board unanimously voted aye.

**Alexander (Y) Corts (Y) Delay (A) Ward (Y) Kane (Y) 4-0-1 Abstention**

Dr. Ward motioned to accept the minutes from 5/12/2020. Seconded by Mr. Corts. The board unanimously voted aye.

**Alexander (A) Corts (Y) Delay (Y) Ward (Y) Kane (Y) 4-0-1 Abstention**

Dr. Ward motioned to accept the minutes from 5/28/2020. Seconded by Mr. Corts. The board unanimously voted aye.

**Alexander (A) Corts (Y) Delay (Y) Ward (Y) Kane (Y) 4-0-1 Abstention**

**YTD Reports:**

Mr. Kane stated the YTD reports were updated by the accountant Joann Goguen and she had highlighted the unbalanced accounts. It was noted that there were no new unbalanced accounts from the past 3 months. The revenue report looked good and close to "normal". It is likely that the town will see some balance at the end of the year. The school department budget is roughly at \$3M right now.

Dr. Ward questioned the savings in electricity from the police department and the fire department and wondered if it was the solar savings finally kicking in? Mr. Kane replied yes, the solar is finally online. She also asked about the amount encumbered in the teachers salaries, at this point in the year it should be close to 90-95% and right now they're around 50%. Mr. Kane believed it had to do with either the holding in salaries or cuts in teachers.

**Update on Postponement of Town Meeting and Elections:**

Mr. Kane was just sent the 1/12th budget and there were a lot of up front expenses included in the first month. Some of the larger items that included in the first month were the debt service, the entire Worcester county retirement, workers compensation, and liability insurance- totaling \$3.3M which was 20% of the total budget last year. In August it drops down to 7.4% and 6.2% in September. Dr. Ward mentioned if the months were averaged they would come out to about \$984,212.

Keith Kent joined the meeting.

Dr. Ward brought attention to the fact that it seems like the numbers from the FY21 budget were being used instead of the FY20 numbers.

Mr. Kent asked where the money comes from for COVID-19 supplies. Dr. Ward replied the state is supplying the funds for masks, cleaning supplies, etc. Winchendon is eligible for about \$200,000.

The state budget still has not passed yet which is delaying the town budget meeting.

**Member Comments:** Dr. Ward stated the Town elections are on June 15th at the Senior Center (Old Murdock) from 8AM-8PM.

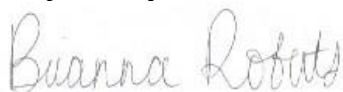
**Public Input:** None.

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

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

**The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.**

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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