

Board of Finance Special Meeting
Agenda
May 21, 2020 at 6:00pm (via remote conference)

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- 1- Discussion and possible decision regarding the proposed Town operating budget for FY 2020-21.
- 2- Discussion and possible decision regarding the proposed Board of Education's operating budget for FY 2020-21.
- 3- Discussion and possible decision regarding the proposed Town and BOE capital budget for FY 2020-21.
- 4- Discussion and possible decision regarding the proposed Debt Service budget for FY 2020-21.
- 5- Discussion and possible decision regarding setting the mill rate for Fiscal Year 2020-21
- 6- Discussion/decision regarding approval of minutes from the May 2nd public hearing.

YEAR END FUND BALANCE FORECAST

FY '19-20

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ORIG BUDG</u>	<u>REV. BUDG.</u>	<u>YR END PROJ.</u>	<u>VAR. TO REV.</u>
REVENUE				
PROPERTY TAXES	72,120,537	72,120,537	72,262,704	142,167
Comments: Tax Sale originally planned for August has been put on hold, so \$1 million revenue in prior forecasts has been removed. Positive variance due mainly to supplemental auto (\$100k), and collection rate trending higher than last year (\$46k).				
DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS	1,149,100	1,149,100	1,209,984	60,884
Comments: Investment income expected to exceed budget by \$150k. Town Clerk and Land Use fees trending lower than budget and final quarter activity is uncertain (\$87k).				
STATE REVENUE	329,801	329,801	652,127	322,326
Comments: Town budgeted conservatively for state aid.				
TOTAL REVENUE	73,599,438	73,599,438	74,124,815	525,377
EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,808,408	6,602,496	6,428,600	173,896
Comments: Favorable estimates for Health Insurance (\$28k), Worker's Comp and LAP (\$72k), and Land Use (\$27k due to vacant Engineer position).				
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,839,727	2,930,266	2,992,500	(62,234)
Comments: Deficit forecast in Police Dept (\$35k) mainly due to tuition expenses for officers, COVID-19 OT, and slight underbudget to contractual holiday pay; Communications Center expected to incur a deficit of \$30k mainly due to a severance payment to a retiring Senior Dispatcher.				
PUBLIC WORKS	2,128,594	2,613,829	2,539,000	74,829
Comments: Favorable operations in DPW due to snow removal (\$105k) and road paving (\$63k) offset by forecasted deficit in Solid Waste (\$72k) due to hours of operation at the Transfer Station being more than planned in the original budget.				
HEALTH, CULTURE, RECREATION	1,676,016	1,723,880	1,710,467	13,413
Comments: Savings related mostly due to Library Part-time wages.				
SUBTOTAL BOS BUDGET	13,452,745	13,870,471	13,670,567	199,904
DEBT SERVICE	5,786,554	5,786,554	5,784,045	2,509
Comment: Slight surplus to due November refunding.				
BOARD OF EDUCATION	53,073,710	53,073,710	* 52,473,710	600,000
* Comment: The BOE is expected to present their latest surplus forecast prior to the meeting.				
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,286,429	1,514,429	1,514,429	-
Comment: \$228k over original reflects supplemental approp for Valley Forge reconstruction.				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	73,599,438	74,245,164	73,442,751	802,413
REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES	-	(645,726)	682,064	1,327,790
7/1/19 BEGINNING UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE:			14,552,699	
FUND BALANCE FORECAST 6/30/20 PRIOR TO TOWN MTG SUPP.			15,234,763	
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	-	2,125,789	1,375,789	750,000
Comment: Assumes transfer from fund balance of approved appropriations less \$750k EMS funding commitment				
FUND BALANCE FORECAST 6/30/20 AFTER PUBLIC SAFETY			13,858,974	
			18.5% of FY '21 Budg.	

Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 9:00am
Due to Covid 19, the meeting was held via internet and phone.

A video recording of this meeting will be made available on the Town website.

Present: Board of Finance Chairman Steve Ezzes, member Alan Gruaber, Dick Bochinski, Rone Baldwin, Greg Murphy, Jeff Farr and Amy Gare. First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Finance Director Rick Darling, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Board of Education Chairman Tony Pesco, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William McKersie, School District Finance Director and Director of Operations Phil Cross, Assistant Superintendent Mike Rizzo, Director of Educational Technology Dr. Craig Tunks, Town Attorney Ira Bloom, members of the press and Weston Residents

Mr. Grauber moved to open the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Town Budget. Mr. Baldwin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Ezzes explained that due to the Governor's executive order, there will be no ATBM this year and no budget referendum. Instead, the Board of Selectmen has authorized the Board of Finance to set the budget and a mill rate. The Board of Finance has proposed a budget for the public to comment on. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comment about the proposed budget and answer questions.

Town Attorney Ira Bloom explained the Governors Executive orders relative to municipal budgets.

Mr. Baldwin asked the Town Attorney Bloom what he thinks the possibility is that the orders can change from the Governor to authorize an ATBM and Referendum in time to affect the budget. Town Attorney Bloom replied that he believes there is no chance the Governor will make further changes to the municipal budget process via executive order.

Mr. Grauber asked if there is a chance to wait to see if the orders are changed. Town Attorney Bloom reviewed the statutory mandate given by the Governor to local Boards of Selectmen.

Chairman Ezzes went over the protocols for this Public Hearing. Speakers will have 3 minutes, and must first state their name and address.

The following residents spoke (for more details, refer to the video recording)

Jeff Goldstein	40 Wildwood Lane
Andrew Palladino	126 Goodhill Road
Lawrence Rehr	44 Ravenwood Dr
Jennifer Pinetaro	25 Norfield Woods Road
Sarah Schlecter	Woods End Lane
Alan Berch	Cedar Hills Road
Jackie Austin	76 Ladder Hill Rd North
Ilene Richardson	15 Heritage Lane
Kristana Esslinger	59 Ledgewood Dr. East

Michael Schlecter	Woods End Lane
Cian O'Suilleabhain	7 Soundview Farm Lane
Sharon Tessler	Merry Lane
Sarah Grigerick	47 Fanton Hill Road
Margaret Wirtenberg	15 Wilson Road
Gemma Richards	Woods End Lane
Kimberly Schleef	11 Smith Farm Road
Jennifer Mecca	47 Kellogg Hill Road
Thomas Carlson	23 Mountainview Drive
Tracy Morrison	11 o'clock Road
Marcelin Mbwa - Mboma	28 Catbrier Road
Stephanie Schaefer	33 Oak Lane
Carolyn Bjerke	155 Weston Road
Margaret Krauss	103 Davis Hill Road
Tracy Haberman	143 Georgetown Road
Mike Nestor	8 Humble Lane
Jodi Sachetta	September Lane
Nadine Mbwa Mboma	28 Catbrier Road
Gavin Guerra	38 High Noon Rd.
Darryl Grigerick	47 Fanton Hill Road
Wayne Bjerke	155 Weston Road
Susan Richard	50 Davis Hill Road
Shara Kolodney	36 Heritage Hill Lane
Helen de Keijzer	30 Salem Road
Frank Billone	7 Curiosity Lane
Adrea Perl Belport	44 West Branch Road
Tim Rogers	262 Newtown Turnpike
Joe Castro	16 Charles Path
Jim Maggio	48 High Noon Road
Maricela Esposito	33 White Oak Lane
Herb Cotter	140 old Hyde Road
Analise Ferrara	67 Lyons Plain Road
Noel Lafayette	28 Hill Farm Road
William Weiss	99 Eleven O'Clock Road
Joe Colaprico	21 Greenfield Drive
Mary Welsch Lehman	8 River Road
Val Valorick	Georgetown Road
Greg Haythorn	6 Winthrop Hill
Irene Gibilisco	5 Quail Ridge
Jennifer Haythorn	6 Winthrop Hill

David Felton	Ridge Road
Vicki Muller	11 Harvest Lane
Amy Sanborn	Old Hyde Road
Margarita Shapiro	23 Cannondale Road

Mr. Baldwin moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Grauberd seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grauberd moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 pm. Mr. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by:
Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant