

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, March 14, 2022

Present: (Z – zoom)

Finance Committee

Roll Call 12 in attendance:

Mark Trudell

Susan Lawson

Dennis Crowley

Jeff Fisher (Z)

Josette Burke

Kathleen Foley Greulich (Z)

Allyson Hamilton (Z)

Douglas Shea

Brian Bain

Lisa Van der Linden (Z)

Steve Hendricks

Lawrence Pitman

Absent: Lucy Romanowiz, Jean Kenney, Mark Sullivan

Additional attendees:

Jim Johnson, Patrick Shield, Jodi Cuneo, Mike Friscia, Bill Buckley, David Ruggiero, Matt Shortsleeve

The meeting was called to order by Mark Trudell at 7:00pm.

Prior Year Unpaid Bills Article

Mark Trudell stated that there are no unpaid bills for FY22.

Motion by Dennis Crowley and seconded by Susan Lawson for **no action on the Prior Unpaid Bills Article**.

The motion passed 12-0-0.

Article 15 - Rescind Previous Older Borrowing Articles

Finance Director Jodi Cuneo presented the proposal to rescind previous borrowing articles. Two were Water Articles that were later replaced with a Sewer Article, and one was for the Boyden School roof project that had \$100,000 left over.

Motion by Dennis Crowley and seconded by Susan Lawson for **favorable action on Article 15**.

The motion passed 12-0-0.

Article 17 – Solar Installment @ Fisher, OPR, & JMS

Mike Friscia and Bill Buckley presented the School Committee's proposal to allow a solar energy company to lease space on Town property at Fisher Elementary School, Old Post Road Elementary School, and Johnson Middle School to construct solar panels. Fisher's panels would produce 200 kW, Old Post Road's would produce 146 kW, and Johnson's would produce 250 kW of electricity. The solar company would pay for the construction and maintenance of the panels and sell the energy to the Town at a fixed price. This Article would only authorize the Select Board to enter negotiations for the project, so many specifics of the deal are yet to be determined. Solar energy production will vary based on time

of day/year, but on average the solar panels should collect 100% of the energy needed to power the schools. These panels have a lifespan of 25+ years. Jeffery Fisher suggested that they may be other Town-owned buildings that are more eligible for solar energy that should also be looked into, such as the police station. Mark Trudell stated that as the Town identifies more opportunities for solar energy projects they will come forward with additional articles.

Motion by Dennis Crowley and seconded by Susan Lawson for **favorable action on Article 17.**
The motion passed 12-0-0.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 31 at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Dennis Crowley and seconded Susan Lawson to adjourn.
The motion passed 12-0-0.

The Finance Committee adjourned at 8:20pm.