

## **Finance Committee Meeting April 27, 2021 Public Hearing**

### **Present**

#### **Finance Committee**

Mark Trudell (Chair)  
Dennis Crowley  
Josette Burke  
Brian Bain  
Jeff Fisher  
Andrew Flowers  
Kathleen Foley Greulich  
Allyson Hamilton  
Steve Hendricks  
Susan Lawson  
Lucy Romanowiz  
Douglas Shea  
Mark Sullivan  
Lisa Van der Linden

Roll Call 14 in attendance

#### **Additional**

Jim Johnson	Bernie Marshall	Bill Abbott	Rick Mattson	Rich Kelleher
Patrick Shield	Jodi Cuneo	Tim Bailey	Bridget Gough	Nancy Gallivan
Jack Wiley	Mike Friscia	Liz Gaffey	Pat Deschenes	

Opening Public Hearing

Motion - Susan Lawson

2<sup>nd</sup> – Dennis Crowley

Article 2 – Personnel Bylaws – June 19, 2021 as a state wide Holiday

Question – Union or Non-Union? Police & fire already in contract the other unions have to negotiate

Article 3 – Salary and hourly rates for nonunion employees

Increase of 1.75%

Article 4 – No Action – if there was additional funding needed

Article 5 - funding of the current fiscal year short falls

Fire Department \$170,000 for station #2

Questions - \$3million in Ambulance fund could they fill it with that fund? Ending \$2.2 million for the year. Yes, we could however but we have moneys from previous projects to cover this amount.

Ambulance may need to be purchased soon, we need to keep that available

Question – How has the Fire Department being impacted by Norwood Hospital closing? It has taken a lot longer for the ambulances to make a run. Makes the fire depart very short when they are out on a run  
Added to DPW and Fire Department  
Increase on Tri-County – Spike in enrolment this year for Tri-County Increase 35%

Article 6 – Fiscal year school budget  
Question - None

Article 7 – Current fiscal year Water Enterprise Budget

Article 9- Current Fiscal year Sewer Budget  
Needed \$200,000 to balance this year's budget (Entry fees dropped due to COVID 19)

Water \$4,279,269 Retained Earnings  
Sewer \$4,878,592 NWR Fess going up (rate hearing to be held June)

Article 11 - Current year Snow & Ice Budget \$200,000 left over in budget – No action  
No Questions

Article 12 & 13 Stabilization and OPEB Funds  
No Questions

Article 15 Walpole Cable  
No Questions

Article 16 - Ban the single use checkout plastic bags  
No Questions

Article 17 Stadium Parking in Private lot Residential and commercial  
No Questions

Article 18 Solar Overlay (South Street)  
Question – How many acres will be tree cleared for this project? 13.5 Ares to be used.  
Question - How many years will this be going on for approx.? 20 years is the life time  
Questions – Is it 13.5 Acres of trees that have to come down? Most of the site is being cleared

Article 19 - Pilot for the Solar Overlay (Select board)  
No Questions  
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