

Town of Hubbardston

Finance Committee – Remote Meeting Minutes May 7, 2021

Remote meeting called to order: 6:32 PM via Zoom
Members present remotely: Joshua Lerner, Susan Rayne, Charles Reed, Peter Russell
Other remote attendees: David Nixon, Acting Town Administrator; Laurie Reed, Town Clerk; Dennis Perron, Chief, Hubbardston Police Department

Ms. Reed facilitated the remote meeting via Zoom and introduced the meeting as being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker’s Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the “COVID-19 Virus.”

- 1) *Invited guests: Dr. Sheila Muir, Superintendent of Schools, QRSD, and Ms. Cheryl Duval, Director of Administrative Services, QRSD, to discuss April 27, 2021 revisions to FY2022 QRSD budget.* Ms. Rayne noted that Dr. Muir and Ms. Duval were present at the May 4, 2021 meeting of the Committee and would not be present at this meeting.
- 2) *Other/new business.*
 - a) Ms. Rayne noted that because Chief Perron was already in attendance it would be appropriate to have him address the Committee at this time; he noted that he was present to answer any questions that the Committee had regarding the change to the FY2022 budget and warrant articles necessitated by the Police Reform Act.
 - b) Mr. Nixon presented a Reserve Transfer Request in the amount of \$3,750, to fund the renovation of the roof of the Town’s bandstand. On motion made by Mr. Lerner and seconded by Mr. Reed, it was unanimously by roll call

VOTED: To approve a Reserve Transfer Request in the amount of \$3,750 from the Committee’s Reserve Fund to the Building & Maintenance Account for the purpose stated in the Request.

- 3) *VOTE: Recommendations of approved FY2022 Annual Meeting warrant articles.* The Committee reviewed and discussed the warrant articles with Mr. Nixon. After discussion, upon motions duly made and seconded by the Committee members identified below, it was

VOTED: To recommend the approval of the Consent Agenda for the first seven warrant articles (Rayne/Lerner).

VOTED: To recommend the approval of warrant articles 8, 9, 10 and 11, as proposed to be amended to include additional funds required by the Police Reform Act (Rayne/Lerner).

(Chief Perron left the meeting.)

VOTED: To recommend the approval of warrant article 12 (Rayne/Russell).

VOTED: To recommend the approval of warrant articles 13 and 14 (Rayne/Reed).

VOTED: To recommend the approval of warrant articles 15, 16, 18, 19 and 20 (Rayne/Russell).

VOTED: To recommend the approval of warrant articles 21 and 22 (Rayne/Reed).

VOTED: To not recommend the approval of warrant article 23 as not a legitimate action under municipal law (Rayne/Reed).

After further discussion of the merits, by motion made by Ms. Rayne and seconded by Mr. Russell it was unanimously by roll call vote

VOTED: To recommend the approval of warrant article 17.

The Committee discussed further with Mr. Nixon the procedures by which a Committee member could join the Community Preservation Committee.

4) *Adjournment.* Upon motion made by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Russell, it was unanimously by roll call vote

VOTED: To adjourn.

Adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Minutes submitted by:
Minutes approved by:

Susan Rayne, Clerk *Pro Tem*
Susan Rayne, Chair



Susan Rayne

June 7, 2021

Date