



Town of North Reading
Massachusetts
Finance Committee

Finance Committee
Wednesday April 8, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS. MEETING HOSTED VIA ZOOM PLATFORM

Present: Ms. Abby Hurlbut, Mr. Ben Gamer, Mr. Dan Pulver, Mr. Don Kelliher, Mr. Vincenzo Stuto, Mr. Dan Mills, Mr. Vinnie Ruschioni, Mr. Ted Haggerty, Mr. Paul Bailey (associate member) and Ms. Karen Moberg (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Mr. Richard Johnson, and Mr. Alex Jaffe (associate member)

Guests: Ms. Elizabeth Rourke (Finance Director)

Ms. Hurlbut called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

Members of the Finance Committee continued their review of the budget proposals for FY21.

The budgets of the following departments were reviewed:

- **Town Moderator**
A motion was made by Mr. Kelliher and seconded by Mr. Gamer to accept the Town Moderator budget in the amount of \$50. **Vote: Unanimous**
- **Finance Committee**
A motion was made by Mr. Gamer and seconded by Mr. Kelliher to accept the Finance Committee budget in the amount of \$1500. **Vote: Unanimous**
- **Fuel/Vehicle Pool**
A motion was made by Mr. Gamer and seconded by Mr. Pulver to accept the Fuel/Vehicle Pool budget in the amount of \$151,500. **Vote: Unanimous**
- **Emergency Management**
A motion was made by Mr. Gamer and seconded by Mr. Stuto to accept the Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$3478. **Vote: Unanimous**

- **Code Enforcement**

Department requested an increase for a new part-time inspector position. Finance Committee chose to vote the budget less the new position.

A motion was made by Mr. Gamer and seconded by Mr. Stuto to accept the Code Enforcement budget in the amount of \$345,054. **Vote: Unanimous**

- **Veterans Services**

Overall budget slightly higher than FY20 due to contractual obligations. FY20 new position has been on hold and will remain on hold for the time being.

A motion was made by Mr. Pulver and seconded by Mr. Kelliher to accept the Veterans Services budget in the amount of \$344,630. **Vote: Unanimous**

- **Conservation Commission**

Budget increase of 6.8% due to contractual obligations. Current agent's contract has expired and is in negotiations.

A motion was made by Mr. Gamer and seconded by Mr. Kelliher to accept the Conservation Commission budget in the amount of \$45,745. **Vote: Unanimous**

- **Town Administrator** (REVOTE)

A motion was made by Mr. Pulver and seconded by Mr. Gamer to rescind the vote on the Town Administrators budget (from 3/25/20). **Vote: Unanimous**

A motion was made by Mr. Gamer and seconded by Mr. Pulver to accept the Town Administrator's budget (less new position) in the amount of \$294,703. **Vote: Unanimous**

- **Finance Department**

A motion was made by Mr. Gamer and seconded by Mr. Kelliher to accept the Finance Department budget in the amount of \$216,994. **Vote: Unanimous**

- **Accounting**

A motion was made by Mr. Gamer and seconded by Mr. Pulver to accept the Accounting budget in the amount of \$208,502 which included a reduction to professional services by \$20,000. **Vote: Unanimous**

- **Youth Services**

A motion was made by Mr. Pulver and seconded by Mr. Kelliher to accept the Finance Committee budget in the amount of \$61,526 reduced by eliminating the part time position in the amount of \$25,000.00 **Vote: Unanimous**

Next meeting schedule for Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Gamer and seconded by Mr. Kelliher to adjourn at 8:20pm.

Vote: Unanimous

Approved _____

Date _____