



Town of Harvard
Finance Committee
 Minutes for Mar 31, 2021

The Finance Committee Regular Meeting was held virtually in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A. S.20.

Present: Don Ludwig (chair), Mike Derse, Richard Fellows, Jennifer Finch,Carolynn Luescher, Charles Oliver, Ethan Pride, John Seeley, Eric Ward

Absent:

Others: Tim Bragan (Town Administrator), Marie Sobalvarro (Assistant Town Administrator/HR Director), Sharlene Cronin, SusanMary Redinger

Don Ludwig (chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes for approval: Minutes from Mar 24, 2021

Approved (7 Ayes: Derse, Fellows, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward)

Public Commentary: None

Meeting Business:

Don Ludwig announced Mark Buell’s resignation from the committee and introduced new associate committee member Carolynn Luescher. Mike Derse will become a voting member of the committee.

Town Administrator provided an update: further clarity on use of federal Covid relief funds is expected by mid-May.

The Committee discussed the Warrant Book resolutions in order. The table below summarizes votes:

Articles	Vote	Aye	Nay	Abstain
1. Annual Reports 2. Pay Bill of Prior Fiscal Year 3. Omnibus Budget 4. Bare Hill Pond Testing 5. Maintenance of Recreational Resources 6. Performance-based Wage Adjustments 7. DPW - Roadside Tree Maintenance	SUPPORT (7-0)	Derse, Fellows, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		

Articles	Vote	Aye	Nay	Abstain
<p>8. CPIC Recommended Expenditures (#1-6 ONLY)</p> <p>(NOTE: committee will hear presentation at 4/7 meeting that will inform further discussion of #7)</p>	SUPPORT (7-0)	Derse, Fellows, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		
<p>9. CPIC Debt Payment</p>	SUPPORT (7-0)	Derse, Fellows, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		
<p>10. Architect to Assist the Permanent Building Committee and Council of Aging</p> <p>(NOTE: motion was for approval contingent on text modification allowing use of federal funding if available)</p>	SUPPORT (5-1-1): FinCom supports the article contingent on modified text	Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward	Fellows	Derse
<p>11. Disposition of Bromfield House and Property</p> <p>(NOTE: motion was for FinCom to refrain from issuing an opinion on this article at present due to insufficient information)</p>	WITHHOLD OPINION (5-2): There is insufficient information for FinCom to provide guidance.	Fellows, Finch, Ludwig, Seeley, Ward	Derse, Oliver	
<p>12. Transfer from Certified Free Cash to Stabilization Account</p> <p>13. Transfer from Certified Free Cash to Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund</p>	SUPPORT (7-0)	Derse, Fellows, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		
<p>14. CPIC FY2022 Debt Recommendation</p> <p>(NOTE: motion was to recommend NOT SUPPORTING the article due to absence of comprehensive long term cost assessment)</p>	OPPOSE (5-0-1): FinCom does NOT recommend supporting the article	Derse, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		Finch

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19. Revolving Funds	SUPPORT (6-0)	Derse, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		
22. Acceptance of Gifts of Property 23. Acceptance of Highway Funds	SUPPORT (6-0)	Derse, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		

Future agenda items:

April 7: Final review of FinCom warrant book sections for town meeting
Presentation on Commercial District Vision Plan from Justin Brown (Chair, Planning Board) and
Chris Ryan (Director, Community and Economic Development)

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Supporting documents (1 Total): “Warrant Articles - FinCom Draft”(provides text of articles voted on
and draft of committee recommendations)

Upcoming meetings:

April 7, 2021 - 7pm - Zoom link will be available on the agenda when posted.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethan Pride