



**Town of Harvard**  
**Finance Committee**  
Minutes for May 5, 2021

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**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, Dick Fellows, Jennifer Finch, Charles Oliver, Ethan Pride, John Seeley, Eric Ward

**Absent:** Carolynn Luescher

**Others:** Tim Bragan (Town Administrator), Marie Sobalvarro (Assistant Town Administrator/HR Director) Sharlene Cronin, Shannon Molloy

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

**Minutes for approval:** 4/7/21 - Approved by roll call vote (5 Ayes: Derse, Finch, Ludwig, Seeley, Ward)

**Public Commentary:** None

**Meeting business:** Town Administrator provided a report, including update on DPW (RFP process and recent sale of surplus truck), state budget, and town meeting logistics.

The Committee discussed the Select Board's potential amendment to the budget (allocating the projected surplus to the schools) in light of other known costs of unknown magnitude. **The Committee voted by roll call to recommend that the Select Board leave the budget as submitted, without the potential amendment.** (7 ayes: Derse, Fellows, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward)

The Committee discussed its recommendation for Article 11 (authorization of the Select Board to dispose of the Bromfield House building but retain ownership of the land, and authorizing transfer of Certified Free Cash to cover the subsequent remediation). **The Committee voted by roll call to issue a statement disagreeing with Article 11 in its entirety** (6 ayes: Derse, Fellows, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward; 1 nay: Finch).

Charles Oliver volunteered to represent the Committee as a member of the new Revenue Ideation Committee.

**Future agenda items:** Finalize Annual Town Meeting votes & discussion

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

**Supporting documents (0 Total):**

**Upcoming meetings:** 5/15/21 - 11:30am in Annual Town Meeting tent

Respectfully submitted,  
Ethan Pride