



**Town of Harvard
Finance Committee**
Minutes for August 18, 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: Jennifer Finch(chair), Richard Fellows, Don Ludwig, Carolynn Luescher, Charles Oliver, Ethan Pride, Eric Ward

Others: Tim Bragan (Town Administrator), Marie Sobalvarro (Assistant Town Administrator/HR Director), Dr. Linda Dwight (Superintendent), SusanMary Redinger (School Committee Chair), Shannon Molloy (School Committee), Sharlene Cronin (School Committee), Ingrid Nilsson (Harvard Public Schools Business Manager), Jennifer Manell (Library Trustees), John Osborn (Harvard Press), Corey Dufresne (PBC Committee)

Minutes for approval: July 14, 2021 meetings were approved.

Public Commentary: None

Met with the Harvard Public School Committee as well as the Superintendent to review the role of Devens funding. The focus of the meeting was how Harvard Public School makes use of the Devens funding.

Marie Sobalvarro reviewed the STAFF Update and Report for Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

Reviewed a reserve fund transfer request from Chris Ryan for \$22,000 required hire a consultant to develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is required for apply for grants.

Voted in favor: Carolynn, Charles, Eric, Jennifer

Other business: Tim Bragan shared about an issue with a town well. State of Massachusetts will not allow Well 2 to be turned back on unless there is a plan place for treating the water for bacteria that was discovered. Short term engineering study cost is expected to be \$30,000. American Rescue Plan Act may cover the costs for the study.

DPW contract negotiations discussion.

Upcoming meetings: September 15, 2021 - 7pm - Zoom link will be available on the agenda when posted.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolynn Luescher