

**Finance Committee  
Town of Buckland  
Minutes of Meeting  
April 21, 2022**

**This meeting is being conducted remotely in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's March 12, 2020, Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.**

Present:

Finance Committee: Larry Langford, Paula Consolo, Dena Wilmore, Bruce Lessels via Zoom

Town of Buckland: Heather Butler, Town Administrator, Barry DelCastilho, Selectboard

Others: Leah Phillips, Mohawk School Committee, Martha Thurber, Mohawk School Committee

The meeting was called to order by Chair Langford at 5:00 pm

**Dena moved to approve the minutes of the April 11 meeting with changes made by Paula. Paula second. Approved unanimously.**

Larry suggested that a member of the selectboard make the comment that the ARPA funds should be used for the pool project.

Tonight's meeting is to make sure our report to town meeting properly reflects our positions on each item.

Verified increase in total operating revenues of \$170,631 or 3.3%

Verified total general fund increase of \$200,581 or 4.2%

Discussed how to present the school budget numbers to clarify the costs of MTRSD and Franklin Tech. Added dollar increase in school assessment of \$151,783 or 5.4%. Also added language describing costs of sending students to Smith Voc.

Verified other town operating expense total. Heather is double checking numbers with town accountant and will go back to this line to make any needed changes to reflect corrections she's finding.

Verified article 3 total elected officials salary - \$43,766 or 2.5% increase from FY22

Article 4 - Heather will confirm and correct these numbers as needed when she's done going over the budget.

Verified article 5 special line items change from FY22

Article 6 and 7 - school numbers are accurate.

Articles 8-11 - we changed the way the totals and increases are stated to match the way numbers are stated in previous article descriptions.

Article 12 - verified total of \$92,000 and added statement that these costs are paid only by users of the sewer system

Article 13 - verified total of \$12,800 and added statement that these costs are paid only by users of the sewer system

Article 14 - we added in the total cost for these items.

Article 15 - Paula pointed out that line 18 of the capital and debt budget sheet refers only to the F550. We checked to be sure the lines referenced in this article are correct and listed items to be purchased. We clarified that these items are to be paid for from free cash and stabilization.

Article 16 is correct

Article 17 - this article requires no new appropriation

Article 18 - we're not seeding this account with any money. This account will receive revenues from recycling

Article 19 to 24 have no financial implications

Article 25 - changes the name of our committee from advisory to finance and reduces committee size from 6 to 5. Added explanation of this article to our memo.

Article 30 - To raise and appropriate funds to cover three prior fiscal year (FY21) invoices totaling \$304.75.

**Paula moved the finance committee approve Article 30. Dena second. Unanimously approved.**

Article 31, 32, 33 and 34 have no financial implications

**Reserve fund transfer** - part of the salt and sand shed revival was going to be to remove the diesel tanks at 50 Conway St to the highway garage. We had someone look at them who told us they're too damaged to move. The handle is now broken, so rather than repair the existing tanks, proposal is to No members of the public are present.

**Dena moved that we transfer \$10,000 from the reserve account to the highway account for the purchase of a new diesel tank for 2 Sears St. Paula second. Unanimously approved**

No members of the public were present

**Dena moved to adjourn at 6:30 pm. Paula second. Unanimously approved**