

Buckland Finance Committee Meeting
5/24/21

Present: Larry Langford, Raymond Lanza-Weil, Heather Butler, Bruce Lessels (taking minutes), Ciara Hayden

Meeting convened at 6:01 pm by Larry Langford

Agenda: Read through warrant articles and approve them, then work on language of memo.

Review and approval of FY22 budget

- Only change since we last saw the budget is to add \$5000 for joining the Pioneer Valley mosquito control district in order to opt out of the state plan.
- Biggest change in staffing is that admin assistant position is not being filled
- Assessors office increase is due to reval costs. This is an every 7 year process
- Town hall janitor line item is not needed anymore. Town hall is being cleaned by a service which is included under town hall expenses line.
- Town garage expenses are reduced because new building is more efficient
- Refuse/recycling expense may be over, but recycling market is particularly volatile right now

RW - Moved to approve copy of FY22 Buckland budget as created including its component parts. BL second; passes unanimously

Review and approval of town meeting warrant articles

- Goal is to eventually get to a paperless warrant. This year's warrant is available online, but paper copies will still be available at town meeting

RW - Moved to recommend approval of article 3. CH second; passes unanimously

RW - Moved to recommend approval of article 4. CH second; passes unanimously

RW - Moved to recommend approval of article 5. CH second; passes unanimously

RW - Moved to recommend approval of article 6. BL second; passes unanimously

RW - Moved to recommend approval of article 7. CH second; passes unanimously

RW - Moved to recommend approval of article 8. CH second; passes unanimously

RW - Moved to recommend approval of article 9. CH second; passes unanimously

RW - Moved to recommend approval of article 10. CH second; passes unanimously

RW - **Moved to recommend approval of article 11.** BL second; passes unanimously

RW - **Moved to recommend approval of article 12.** CH second; passes unanimously

RW - **Moved to recommend approval of article 13.** LL second; passes unanimously

RW - **Moved to recommend approval of article 14.** BL second; passes unanimously

RW - **Moved to recommend approval of article 15.** CH second; passes unanimously

RW - **Moved to recommend approval of article 16.** CH second; passes unanimously

RW - **Moved to recommend approval of article 17.** CH second; passes unanimously

RW - **Moved to recommend approval of article 18.** BL second; passes unanimously

RW - **Moved to recommend approval of article 19.** CH second; passes unanimously

RW - **Moved to recommend approval of article 20.** CH second; passes unanimously

RW - **Moved to recommend approval of article 21.** CH second; passes unanimously

RW - **Moved to recommend approval of article 22.** CH second; passes unanimously

BL - **Moved to recommend approval of article 23.** CH second; passes unanimously

We may be authorized to meet in person again and some people have said they don't want to meet in person again. Three options:

- Never meet in person, only on zoom
- Only meet in person
- Never on zoom, hybrid

Consensus of the committee is to continue meeting on zoom for the near

RW - **Moved to approve the memo subject to finalization by town administrator and finance committee chair.** CH second; passes unanimously

No members of the public were present.

The finance committee expressed their appreciation for Heather Butler's efforts always to find a way forward instead of falling back on, "we've always done it that way."

Voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:33 pm

