

Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2021
8:00 PM

Present: Christine Russell (Chair), Adam Nolde (Vice Chair), Roland Bourdon, Mike Majors, Jason Cole (remote), Christi Andersen, Dave Wellinghoff Steve Noone, and Esha Gangolli

1. Capital Improvement Plan (Joint meeting with Select Board)

Town Manager Recommended Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (Joint Meeting with the Select Board) The Finance Committee joined the Select Board and called its meeting to order. Mr. Mangiaratti presented the Town Manager's proposed FY23 Municipal Budget. The Select Board Chair and Town Manager received questions and comments from the Finance Committee. Mr. Snyder-Grant suggested that if adding a renter advocate to the budget is not able to happen soon, a good alternative might be contracting with Regional Housing Services Office to provide renter advocacy services. Ms. Nagireddy asked about the \$750,000 allotted for sidewalk construction if it only included the design study, and appreciated the equity focus included in the proposed budget. Mr. Charter appreciated the support of the forestry program. Charlie Kadlec, Paul Revere Road – asked about the status of the regional ActonConcord dispatch center. Mr. Mangiaratti stated it is not reflected in the FY23 budget, however, the process is still underway and will be represented in a future December 6, 2021 Select Board budget. Also requesting if any new FT positions being considered as part of the FY 23 budget be a separate warrant article. Ann Chang, South Acton – questioned about how the Select Board was going to do a new Fair Housing legal review inside the recodification of the Zoning Bylaws. Alissa Nicol, School Street – concerned about the Sidewalk budget amount, adding impervious asphalt increases the chance of flooding and stormwater management. Mark Bishop, West Acton – questioned about a slide regarding the requests from the Water District. Debra Simes - questioned if the analyst position would be supporting the Public Works and the Sustainability Director or would be supporting other departments.

Terra, West Acton – concerned about a position for equity for zoning and that it would benefit developers and would not support low income residents. The Finance Committee voted to adjourn its meeting.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Presentation of the Town Manager's FY23-32 Capital Plan