

**Finance Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
December 19, 2022  
7:00 PM

**Present:** Adam Nolde (Chair), Steve Noone (Vice Chair), Roland Bourdon, Jason Cole, Christi Andersen, Mike Majors, Esha Gangolli and Scott Sullivan (Associate)

Mr. Nolde called the meeting to order.

**1. Joint Meeting with Select Board – Town Manager Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Municipal Budget Presentation.**

Mr. Mangiaratti presented to both the Finance Committee and the Select Board the recommended municipal budget for FY24. Mr. Mangiaratti highlighted many ways the town connects with the community, the many recognitions the town received, over \$6.8 million in grants awarded in the past 18 months, created general town hotline with existing staff, future planning with the community, reviewed the FY23 short- and long-term goals of the Select Board, reviewed FY24 budget challenges, investing in community priorities. The total recommended FY24 municipal spending is \$38,777,128 which is down 0.43% from FY23. Mr. Snyder-Grant questioned whether the fueling station funding is for design or the actual work of moving it somewhere else; Mr. Mangiaratti noted the funding will cover the design. Mr. Cole requests that the proposed \$1.2M design of a new \$30M plus DPW facility be guided by a discussion at Town Meeting of how much people are willing to spend. He also questioned if the town hall parking lot will have any affect with the Asa Parlin House design. Mr. Noone from the Finance Committee questioned if there would be an increase in the FTE count; Mr. Mangiaratti noted that the only increase is bringing a position what was not 40 hours to 40 hours, and the only new position was the additional arborist. Ms. Andersen from the Finance Committee questioned if the current social worker is an asset to the Police Department and have been able to divert calls from police to the clinician. Mr. Mangiaratti noted it has been very successful, noting the need for an additional clinician. Ms. Gangolli from the Finance Committee questioned what funds are to be used for the Asa Parlin design other than ARPA funding. Mr. Mangiaratti noted that Congresswoman Trahan sponsored a \$400,000 earmark, currently awaiting a vote, that would make an excellent contribution towards the design, as well as \$400,000 in CPC funding. Mr. Nolde from the Finance Committee questioned if the electrification of the Public Safety Facility 1.2 million funding will be spent in FY 25 and not in FY24, Mr. Mangiaratti confirmed that there would be two parts, the design and then the construction. No further questions from the Finance Committee.

Mike Gowing, 93 Harris Street, questioned on the cost of the tight tank at the West Acton Fire Station; Mr. Mangiaratti noted that the cost would be for the construction. There were no further questions.

Mr. Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Noone seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

**Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting**

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