

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2024

5:45 PM

Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

36 Charter Road, Room 104E

Present: Jason Cole (Chair), Scott Sullivan (Vice Chair), Adam Nolde, Steve Noone, Corinne Hogseth, Christi Andersen, Allison Jones, Greg Jarboe and Dr. Gang Chen

Mr. Cole called the meeting to order.

1. Citizen's Concern

None

2. Special Town Meeting Recommendations

The main purpose of this meeting was to finalize the FinCom's stance on all Special Town Meeting Articles.

Article 1:

Mr. Cole asked if Mr. Jarboe was all set with Article 1. Mr. Jarboe confirmed, he will state the Finance Committee is recommending this Article.

Article 2:

Mr. Noone summarized the AFSCME MOA. This includes DPW and Facilities members, 29 members total. This is a 3-year contract. It includes: \$2/hour first year, 2.5% second year, 2.5% third year. \$60,000 from Free Cash. Ms. Fleckner agreed with Mr. Noone that it is currently very challenging to recruit for AFSCME personnel and gave an example of the hourly rate.

Mr. Noone made motion to recommend Article, Mr. Jarboe seconded.
Passed Unanimously, 7-0-0

Article 3:

Mr. Noone summarized the Dispatch Teamsters MOA. Public Safety/Dispatch members, 10 positions, 8 FT, 2 PT. This is a 3-year contract. Shifts will change from a 5&2 to a 4&2 schedule, similar to other public safety personnel. COLA 2.75% first year, 1.5%

second year, 2.75% third year. Plus a new step 8, eligible after 10 years (\$31.82/hr). Mr. Cole inquired even if this is a marginal decrease in hours, coverage is still needed? Mr. Noone responded this should result in a decrease in Overtime.

Mr. Noone made motion to recommend Article, Mr. Nolde seconded.
Passed Unanimously, 7-0-0

Article 4:

Mr. Cole asked if Mr. Bourdon doesn't make it in time, who can comment on this Article? Mr. Nolde offered to take this Article. This is a lease-to-purchase Ambulance with borrowing not to exceed 10 years. Appropriate \$140,000 from Ambulance Enterprise account for 1st year cost.

Mr. Nolde (in Mr. Bourdon's absence) will state that FinCom recommends this Article.

Article 5:

Mr. Cole will state that FinCom recommends this Article.

3. Finance Committee Business

Mr. Cole announced that Adam Nolde will be resigning from FinCom after 6+ years of service. Mr. Cole thanked Adam for his service. Mr. Nolde will remain as the member-at-large for the DPW Facility Committee and the Land Stewardship Committee. Mr. Cole has asked FinCom members to consider taking Mr. Nolde's seat as the FinCom Liaison to the DPW Facility Committee.

Ms. Andersen mentioned next meeting on December 10th overlaps with the Elementary School Budget Task Force. She recommended to continue without her. FinCom agreed to keep the meeting on December 10th at 7:30.

Ms. Hogseth mentioned an email from Peter Light, she will forward it to the full Committee.

Discussion ensued about meeting scheduled for December 17th and to cancel.

Mr. Noone made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Nolde seconded. Passed unanimously

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

Warrant