

**Sudbury Finance Committee
Joint Meeting with Select Board
Virtual Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021**

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Finance Committee (FinCom) present for the Virtual Meeting were: Co-Chair, Eric Poch, Co-Chair Scott Smigler, Susan Berry, Ronald Brumback, Blair Caple, Howard Feng, Michael Joachim, Jean Nam, and Sonny Parente

ITEM 1: Open Meeting

Motion and Vote:

Co-chair Poch motioned to open the joint meeting with the Select Board. Mr. Smigler seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Scott Smigler, yes; Blair Caple, yes; Michael Joachim, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Howard Feng, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Jean Nam, yes; Ronald Brumback, yes; and Eric Poch, yes.
The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

ITEM 2: Joint meeting with Select Board to present recommendations on annual budget and town meeting warrant articles

Smigler reviewed FinCom Goals for FY22 Budget year, reviewed the FinCom process, and shared feedback on the FY22 Budget (Article 3) and its various FinCom Article recommendations: Article 3 - FY22 Budget - 8-0; Article 4 - FY22 Capital Budget - 7-1; Article 13 - Capital Stabilization Fund - 6-2; Article 15 - Melone Stabilization Fund Repurpose - 0-9. Article 16 - Fire Station #2 - FinCom reported it is waiting to take a vote, pending designation of a funding source, and feedback from Staff and the Select Board regarding their support of the project approach.

Mr. Poch indicated that the Committee appreciated the financial work being done by the Policies and Procedures Subcommittee, Town Manager Hayes and Finance Director Dennis Keohane.

Chair Dretler commented that she wanted Mr. Keohane and Town Manager Hayes to provide additional information on the American Rescue Plan. It was agreed that additional information would be shared.

There was extensive discussion regarding **Article 16 - Construction of addition at Fire Station #2** and possible funding scenarios, phasing options and the structural condition of the existing building. Mr. Smigler indicated that additional information to address questions posed at this meeting would be preferable. Board Members agreed that questions brought up at this meeting might be addressed by Facilities Director Bill Barletta, Town Manager Hayes, and Finance Director Dennis Keohane at a future meeting.

Ms. Berry stated the funding from the Cold Brook Crossing project could support the Fire Station project. Several funding options were discussed at this time.

Resident Manish Sharma, 77 Colonial Road, confirmed that it made sense to consider the perspectives of Town Manager Hayes and Mr. Barletta. He indicated that increasing taxes for the senior population was unfair.

ITEM 3: Adjourn

Motion and Vote:

Mr. Poch moved to close the joint meeting with the Select Board. Ms. Berry seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Scott Smigler, yes, Blair Caple, yes; Michael Joachim, yes; Susan Berry, yes; Howard Feng, yes; Sonny Parente, yes; Jean Nam, yes; Ron Brumback, yes; Eric Poch, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.