

**Sudbury Finance Committee
Virtual Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2022**

ATTENDANCE

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

ABSENT: Sonny Parente

ALSO ATTENDING the MEETING

Dennis Keohane, Finance Director/Treasurer; Bill Murphy, Health Director

ITEM 1: Open the Meeting

• **Welcome and member roll call**

Co-Chair Poch called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and roll-called members of the FinCom present for the April 4, 2022, Virtual Meeting. Co-Chair Nam stated that the FinCom meeting of April 4 is being broadcast live and recorded for viewing by the public via www.sudburytv.org. She read the Municipal Remote Meeting Disclaimer.

• **Opening Remarks (Co-Chairs)**

There were no opening remarks.

ITEM 2: Public Comment

There were no public comments.

ITEM 3: Transfers

• **Board of Health Presentation - 33 Stonebrook Road**

Co-Chair Poch introduced Bill Murphy to make the transfer request. Mr. Murphy informed the committee that 5 weeks ago a homeowner passed away, leaving the home in conditions that the Board of Health considers hazardous to anyone entering the property. The owner did not leave a will. To alleviate the hazards, the town has entered a legal process to get permission to clean up the property. The requested amount for the transfer is based on an estimate submitted by a company that the town has used in the past.

Jean Nam asked if Mr. Murphy can estimate when there will be a resolution. Mr. Murphy stated that the property has been secured by the town. Three children have surfaced and they may petition the court for executorship. If granted, the town may not need to use the money requested. However, Bill Murphy wants to be prepared if the town needs to act. In which case any cost incurred by the Town would be a lien against the property.

Motion and Vote:

Susan Berry moved, and Eric Poch seconded the motion to transfer \$13,460 from the Reserve Fund to the Board of Health.

Roll call vote:

Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Ron Brumback, yes; Blair Caple, yes; Michael Joachim, yes; Scott Smigler, yes; Jean Nam, yes; and Eric Poch, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

ITEM 4: FinCom Budget Year FY23

- **Update on Fairbank (if PBC representative is available)**
Co-Chair Poch mentioned that the Co-Chairs received an email that PBC members were unavailable for this meeting but should be available for the April 25 FinCom meeting.
- **Warrant Articles - deliberation and voting**
Without further information, FinCom members were not ready to reconsider Article 32 Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan Recommendations.

Susan Berry requested that FinCom get information about Article 35 Authorization to Proceed with the DPW Facility Project if the committee is planning to take a position on this article. Town Manager Hayes will be asked to join the meeting on the 25th to present information on this article.

- **Town Meeting FinCom Presentation**
The committee went over the draft from the 2021 Annual Town Meeting and discussed updates to that for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting presentation.

Co-Chair Poch will incorporate the suggestions made at the meeting and prepare a draft for the committee to review before the meeting on the 25th. For articles with split votes, Co-Chair Poch will check with members of the committee who expressed opinions either for or against on the language.

- **Other items relevant to budget preparations, review, or informing the Finance Committee budget deliberations**
There was no discussion of this item.

ITEM 5: General Business

- **Liaison reports**
Co-Chair Nam reminded the committee that the CPC will hear an update on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail article at their meeting on Wednesday and suggested that FinCom members attend.
- **Calendar and Budget Process**
After some discussion the committee decided that the next meeting would be April 25th.
- **Review Goals/Future Agenda Topics**

There was no discussion on this item.

- **Transfers and Other Business**

There were no further transfers.

- **Approve Meeting Minutes**

There were no minutes to approve.

ITEM 6: Updates from Town Staff

There were no updates.

ITEM 7: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

ITEM 8: Adjournment

Motion and Vote:

Susan Berry moved, and Ron Brumback seconded the motion that the April 4, 2022, Finance Committee meeting be adjourned at approximately 10:20 p.m.

Roll call vote:

Susan Berry, yes; Andrew Bettinelli, yes; Ron Brumback, yes; Blair Caple, yes; Michael Joachim, yes; Scott Smigler, yes; Jean Nam, yes; and Eric Poch, yes.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

The next scheduled meeting of the Finance Committee is Monday, April 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.