

**Sudbury Finance Committee
Virtual Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023
7:00PM**

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Finance Committee present were: Co-Chair Eric Poch, Susan Berry, Andrew Bettinelli, Ryan Lynch, Henry Sorett, Michael Ferrari and Maura Carty. Co-Chair Michael Joachim arrived after the roll call.

ABSENT

Colin Wang

ALSO ATTENDING THE MEETING

Finance Director Dennis Keohane and Town Manager Andy Sheehan
Select Board Liaison Jennifer Roberts and Lisa Kouchakdjian; SPS School Committee Chair Silvia Nersessian

Open the Meeting

ITEM 1: Welcome and Member Roll Call

Co-Chair Poch called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06PM, declared a quorum present and roll-called members present. He stated that the meeting is being broadcast live and recorded for viewing by the public. He read the Municipal Remote Meeting Disclaimer.

- **Opening Remarks**

- Co-Chair Poch reported that there was relevant discussion at the Select Board and Park/Recreation meetings with regard to warrant articles for the October Special Town Meeting. He encouraged members to watch the videos of those meetings.

ITEM 2: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

ITEM 3: FinCom Organization

- **Review, Update and Approve FY24 FinCom Rules and Operating Procedures**

- Co-Chair Poch reviewed the latest draft of the FinCom Rules and Operating Procedures. Discussion ensued with members' suggestions for changes and edits to the document.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Berry and seconded by Mr. Ferrari, it was voted to approve the Town of Sudbury Finance Committee Rules and Operating Procedures as amended on September 19, 2023. Roll call vote: Co-Chair Poch-Y, Co-Chair Joachim-Y, Ms. Berry-Y, Mr. Bettinelli-Y, Ms. Carty-Y, Mr. Ferrari-Y, Mr. Sorett-Y and Mr. Lynch-Y. Motion carried 8-0.

ITEM 4: Fall Town Meeting – Review Warrant Articles

Co-Chair Joachim began the discussion on the town meeting warrant articles. Following discussion on each of articles 1-15 and input from members and Finance Director Keohane, he entered “next steps” reflecting the Committee’s position on the need to make a recommendation into the warrant article tracker attached hereto and hereby made a part of these minutes.

Co-Chair Joachim also reviewed his PowerPoint presentation on the basics of how Chapter 70 monies are estimated and applied to the operating budget (see attached slide deck summary.)

Co-Chair Joachim summarized action items for members as reflected in the discussion.

ITEM 5: General Business

- **Transfers and other business**

There were none.

- **Liaison reports**

Ms. Berry provided the following SPS update:

- Since no qualifying bids were received, the Curtis project will be broken into pieces and the Superintendent and the Facilities Director and her staff will assume the role of contractor. See below additional report from SPS School Committee Chair.
- Ms. Berry will send the revised FY24 school budget to the Co-Chair for posting online.

- **Calendar**

Next meetings:

Thursday, October 5th to discuss/vote warrant articles.

October 16th to further discuss/vote warrant articles and other items as time allows.

October 23rd Town Meeting.

November 6th and November 27th.

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 13, June 5, June 26 and August 30, 2023**

Approval of above minutes will be deferred to next meeting.

ITEM 6: Public comment

Silvia Nersessian, SPS School Committee Chair, updated the Committee on the Curtis wellness project. A bid was received for the site prep and paving of the walkway. The landscape architect worked on the grading design and drainage. A date for installation of equipment has been scheduled. The need for additional funds for the project are not anticipated.

ITEM 7: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Sorett and seconded by Co-Chair Poch, it was voted to adjourn.

Roll call vote: Co-Chair Poch-Y, Co-Chair Joachim-Y, Ms. Berry-Y, Mr. Bettinelli-Y, Mr. Ferrari-Y, Mr. Lynch-Y, Ms. Carty-Y and Mr. Sorett-Y. Motion carried 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martin Barraford
Recording Secretary