

**MINUTES OF MEETING
FINANCE COMMITTEE
October 23, 2023**

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(Meeting starts at Time Code 01:29:06)

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A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, October 23, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person and electronically via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:56 P.M. by the Vice-Chair, Sarah Gallagher.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Gallagher, Vice-Chair; Cory O'Brien; Bob Anthony; Betty Wetmore; Lesley DeNardis; Justin Farmer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeron Alston, Chair

PUBLIC INPUT: None

The following items were addressed:

- 1. Refund of property and motor vehicle taxes collected prior to July 1, 2023 – (11) totaling \$2,089.35**
-- Moved by Ms. Wetmore, seconded by Ms. Gallagher and approved with 1 abstention (Farmer)
- 2. Refund of property taxes collected between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 – Overpayments on current grand list - (1) totaling \$5,793.06**
-- Moved by Ms. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and approved unanimously.
- 3. Refund of motor vehicle taxes collected between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 – Overpayments on current grand list – (32) totaling \$7,772.07**
-- Moved by Ms. Wetmore, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and approved unanimously.
- 4. Order authorizing interdepartmental transfer 2022-2023 FY Budget - \$1,275,651 (End of year budget close out transfer – multiple departments)**
-- Moved by Ms. DeNardis, seconded by Mr. O'Brien. DISCUSSION: Finance Director Mr. Eatman explained they're looking to close out the books and have the audit done on time. This transfer takes from surpluses and puts it towards deficits. He then mentioned that there's an ordinance, as well as the Charter, that allows them to do this. Mr. Anthony said it would be nice to see the plus sides and the minus sides of departments so they can see what's too much and what's too little in departments.

Ms. Wetmore asked why we owe \$1,000,000 to CMERS. Mr. Eatman said there's been a bunch of hirings, particularly the BOE side. Ms. Wetmore asked about the Town contribution not the BOE. Mr. Eatman said we didn't budget appropriately. Ms. Gallagher asked if we corrected

ourselves. Mr. Eatman said we should be fine this year. Mr. Farmer asked when we close the books. Mr. Eatman said the first week of November and the audit is due December 31st. Mr. Farmer asked if the Finance Commission has been briefed. Mr. Eatman said yes.

A vote was taken and the item passed with 1 abstention (Wetmore)

There being no further business, Ms. Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
for Sarah Gallagher, Vice-Chair