

Town of Deerfield Finance Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting of April 5, 2022

Hybrid Zoom/in-person meeting.

Attending: Beth Brown, James Cambias (secretary), Julie Chalfant (chair), Skip Olmstead, John Paciorek, John Paresky, Allison van der Velden.

Also Present: Brenda Hill, Trevor McDaniel, Kayce Warren, Annalee Wulfkuhle

- Ms Chalfant called the meeting to order at 5:02pm on April 5.
- Mr. Paciorek moved to accept the Minutes of the March 29 meeting. Mr. Paresky seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.
- Mr. Paresky moved to recommend \$1000 for the revised Zoning Board of Appeals budget (account 176-5400). Mr. Paciorek seconded the motion. This restores funding to that of the past few years.
- Mr. Cambias moved to recommend \$304,550 for revised General Highway Expenses (account 422-5400). Dr. van der Velden seconded the motion. This reduces the building maintenance allowance to \$10,000. Motion passed 6-1-0.
- Mr. Paresky moved to recommend \$196,545 for Interest on Maturing Debt (account 751-5900). Mr. Paciorek seconded the motion. This is interest payments on outstanding loans, revised downward after Ms. Hill consulted our financial advisor. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Committee examined the draft budget overview for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting and made suggestions for the final draft.
- Discussion about the outstanding contract payrolls and when to make the final recommendations before the Town Meeting.
- Discussion of ice removal overage expense, but no motion for a recommendation.
- Discussion of board of health and town nurse expenses, but action was postponed until next meeting when more information will be available.
- Discussion of capital expenditures: queries about mini-excavator purchase and wood chipper trade-in value. The Committee also asked Mr. McDaniel to ask the Select Board how ARPA funds can be spent. Ms. Hill gave us some information on that, and when those funds will arrive.

- Ms. Warren briefed us on warrant articles, and she and Ms. Chalfant reported on the engineer's examination of the former Congregational Church building. Ms. Warren is of the opinion that ARPA funds could be used for the Police Department HVAC overhaul, so the proposed Warrant article about diverting some of the Church repair funds to the HVAC work may not be necessary.
- Mr. Paciorek moved to adjourn. Mr. Olmstead seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.