

Town of Northbridge
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2022 at 6:30PM

Committee Members in Attendance: Jim Barron, Steve Gogolinski, David Graham and Chris Pilla

Finance Committee Member(s) not in Attendance: Plato Adams and Robert Dearborn

Town of Northbridge Administration in Attendance:

Adam Gaudette, Town Manager - Town of Northbridge, MA

Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant, Town of Northbridge

Tim Labrie, Chief of Police, Town of Northbridge, MA

David White, Fire Chief, Town of Northbridge, MA

Jim Shuris, DPW Director, Town of Northbridge, MA

Jamie Luchini, Acting DPW Director, Town of Northbridge, MA

Mark Kuras, Sewer Director, Town of Northbridge, MA

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Other Attendees:

Sean Ferry

Finance Committee Meeting Called to Order

At 6:30 PM, Steven Gogolinski, Finance Committee Acting Chair for the Town of Northbridge, called the meeting to order and the meeting floor was turned over to Adam Gaudette, Town Manager - Town of Northbridge.

The following Department Managers were introduced by Adam Gaudette, Town Manager - Town of Northbridge and the following FY 2023 Town of Northbridge Department Budgets were presented as follows:

- Tim Labrie, Chief of Police, Town of Northbridge, presented the FY 2023 Police Department Budget was presented
 - David White, Fire Chief for the Town of Northbridge, presented the FY2023 Fire Department Budget.
 - David White, Fire Chief for the Town of Northbridge, presented the FY 2023 Ambulance Department Budget..
 - David White, Fire Chief for the Town of Northbridge, presented the
 - FY 2023 Emergency Management Department Budget..
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 - Jamie Luchini, Acting DPW Director, presented the
 - FY 2023 Highway Division Department Budget.
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- Jamie Luchini, Acting DPW Director, presented the
 - FY 2023 Cemetery Division Department Budget.

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- Jamie Luchini, Acting DPW Director, presented the FY 2023 Water Division Department Budget..
- Jamie Luchini, Acting DPW Director and Mark Kuras, Sewer Director, presented the
- FY 2023 Sewer Division Department Budget.

ARTICLE 3 (Finance Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury and/or transfer from the Health Insurance Stabilization Fund such sums of money, not to exceed \$50,660,922 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for FY 2023, beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion to approve the placement of the proposed Article 3 on the Town of Northbridge Spring 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant in the amount not to exceed \$50,660,922 was made by Jim Barron, seconded by Chris Pilla

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Overview

Adam Gaudette, Town Manager - Town of Northbridge gave an Overview of the American Rescue Plan Act.

A total of \$7,932,013 has been requested from numerous local agencies with a total of \$4,985,467 being proposed for funding.

The following categories were requested:

1. Public Health	\$1,591,421
2. Negative Economic Impact	\$1,826,311
3. Services to Impacted Communities	\$1,569,787
4. Premium pay	\$ 30,000
5. Infrastructure	\$2,714,494
6. Revenue Loss	\$ 0.00
7. Administrative	\$ 200,000
Total Spending Plan	\$7,932,013

The following categories with appropriate amounts are being proposed for funding:

1. Public Health	\$1,541,501
2. Negative Economic Impact	\$1,326,311
3. Services to Impacted Communities	\$1,569,787
4. Premium pay	\$ 30,000
5. Infrastructure	\$ 267,868
6. Revenue Loss	\$ 0.00
7. Administrative	\$ 200,000
8. Reserve for Pandemic Expenses	\$ 50,000
Total Funding Plan	\$4,985,467

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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Overview - Continued

Adam Gaudette has requested that the Finance Committee vote to approve / not approve the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Act information as presented, though, a Finance Committee vote is not required. This particular Finance Committee vote will occur at a future Finance Committee Meeting.

There is no need for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to be presented and/or voted on at the Spring 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Approval of Previous Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve previous Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2022, was made by Chris Pilla, seconded by David Graham and unanimously approved.

Next Scheduled Finance Committee Meetings

The next scheduled Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, the following will be the presentation topics:

- FY 2023 Proposed Department Budgets:
 - o Town of Northbridge Public Schools
 - o Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School (BVT)
- Town Manager Budget Update
 - o Budget Calendar
 - o Preliminary FY 2023 Operating Budget
 - o Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant
 - o Capital Funding Plan
- Approve prior Finance Committee Meeting Minute(s)

Adjournment

Since no further business was to be transacted, a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 8:24PM was made by Chris Pilla, seconded by David Graham and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ James P. Barron, Clerk, Town of Northbridge Finance Committee

