

Town of Northbridge
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2021 at 6:30PM

Committee Members in Attendance: Plato Adams, Jim Barron, Robert Dearborn, Steve Gogolinski, David Graham and Chris Pilla

Finance Committee Member(s) not in Attendance: None

Town of Northbridge Administration in Attendance:

Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant, Town of Northbridge

Other Attendees:

None

Finance Committee Meeting Called to Order

At 6:35PM, Plato Adams called the meeting to order and the following topics were discussed:

ARTICLE 1 – (Board of Selectmen) - Prior Year Bills

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 unexpended appropriated funds of one or more of the departments of the Town the following sums of money and authorize the payment of prior year bills; or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion to approve the proposed Article 1 as detailed above was made by Steve Gogolinski, seconded by David Graham and unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 2 (Board of Selectmen) – Appropriations and Transfers

To see if the Town will vote to amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2020 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (June 23, 2020) and under Article 1 of the 2020 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 27, 2020), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article; or take any other action relative thereto.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Total Assessors:	\$	9,800
Total Town Clerk	\$	<u>7,434</u>

TOTAL GENERAL GOVT	\$	<u>17,234</u>
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department	\$	10,000
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TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$	10,000
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Total Fire Department	\$	20,000
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TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$	20,000
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TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	<u>30,000</u>
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EDUCATION:

Total Trade School	\$	35,000
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PUBLIC WORKS:

Total DPW / Snow & Ice	\$	300,000
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NON-DEPARTMENTAL

Total Medicare	\$	50,000
Total Property & Liability	\$	35,000
TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL	\$	<u>85,000</u>

TOTAL ARTICLE 2	\$	<u>467,234</u>
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A motion to approve the proposed Article 2 as detailed above was made by David Graham, seconded by Chris Pilla and unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 3: (Finance Committee)

A motion to rescind the proposed Article 3, as voted at the September 29, 2021 Finance Committee meeting, in the amount not to exceed \$49,141,891 was made by David Graham, seconded by Chris Pilla and unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the new proposed Article 3 in the new amount not to exceed \$48,991,891 was made by David Graham, seconded by Chris Pilla and unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 15 – (Board of Selectmen) – Remounting of a New Chassis and Refurbishing the Box / Body on Town Ambulance No.2.

The Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Account, to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief, the amount of \$140,000 for the purpose of funding the remounting re-mounting of a new chassis and refurbishing the box / body on Town Ambulance No.2.

A motion to amend the dollar amount of the Finance Committee's prior affirmative and unanimous vote of the proposed Article 2 as described above from \$200,000 to \$140,000 was made by David Graham, seconded by Steve Gogolinski and unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 21 – (Conservation Commission) Establish a Conservation Fund

To see if the Town will vote to create and establish a Conservation Fund pursuant to MGL Chapter 40, Section 8C; or take any action relative thereto.

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A motion to pass over Article 21 was made by David Graham, seconded by Chris Pilla and unanimously approved.

Next Scheduled Finance Committee Meetings

The next scheduled Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, the following will be the presentation topics:

- The Board will Reorganize
- Approve prior Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- Review FATM Warrant Articles
- Other Business

Approval of Previous Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

None

Adjournment

Since no further business was to be transacted, a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 6:55PM was made by Chris Pilla, seconded by David Graham and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

