



FINANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN OF BERNARDSTON
BERNARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF
17 April 2023

PRESENT: Jody Coleman, Jane Dutcher, Stan Garland, Ken Bordewieck, Steve Nestanpower, Brian Hervieux.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

The meeting consisted of the following reviews or discussions in the following order:

1. Reviewed minutes from previous meeting of 4-10-2023. Accepted with minor corrections with a motion by Mr. Bordewieck and seconded by Mr. Coleman.
2. Budget worksheet #8 was reviewed. The recreation department Assistant Director pay was discussed and approved. We would like to see a job description and hours that will be worked. We will re-visit at the next meeting.
3. Insurance increases were discussed. Due to a possible additional position at the Highway Department/Transfer Station. Mrs. Dutcher will add the costs to the budget worksheet.
4. The EMS budget was reviewed. Jane has spoken with Peter Shedd about the payroll line in the EMS budget and is waiting to hear if he wants to change from stipend to payroll.
5. The Cherry Sheet number was updated and decreased by 1800.00 due to the change made by the state Ways and Means committee.
6. It was decided that 50,000.00 for vehicle stabilization and 100,000.00 for the general stabilization funds would be put under Raise and Appropriate in the budget.
7. The Recommended by Finance Committee amount for the Library has been changed to 85,594.26 to account for anticipated income..
8. The committees are awaiting a job description for an Assistant Treasurer.
9. The Library repairs amount may have to be increased. Three trees will have to be removed due to contact with the roof, electrical lines and septic tank. Gutters may also have to be repaired or replaced.
10. A new fire truck was discussed. The cost may be upward of 850,000.00. We will discuss costs and other options with Chief Shedd.
11. An update was given by Mr. Bordewieck on the Town Accountant. He has invited us to a meeting to discuss Marcum Accounting taking over the Town's accounting needs. He has been assured that we have plenty of time to implement new software in time for the start of the Fiscal Year.

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The next meeting of the Committees will be at the Town Hall Monday April 24th at 6:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm with a motion by Mrs. Dutcher and seconded by Mr. Hervieux.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jody Coleman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jody Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.