



*FINANCE COMMITTEE*  
TOWN OF BERNARDSTON  
BERNARDSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
18 Dec 2023

PRESENT: Jody Coleman, Jane Dutcher, Steve Nestanpower, Tammy Powell

ABSENT: Brian Hervieux

The Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

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

- 1) Minutes of the 4 Dec. meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected with a motion by Mr. Nestanpower and seconded by Mr. Coleman. This item was approved unanimously.
- 2) Budget reports and corrections made by the accounting firm were discussed.
- 3) Rule changes may be made by the cannabis commission. If so the town may have to repay fees collected.
- 4) Transfers from landfill receipts, Kiwanis fund and free cash were discussed.
- 5) Free cash total was reviewed and discussed.
- 6) Reserve fund balance and allocations were reviewed and discussed.
- 7) FY 2025 levy limit calculation was reviewed and discussed. Awaiting assessed valuations.
- 8) We will set the upcoming meeting schedule in January when more budgets have been received. The next meetings will be January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 9) PVRs budget committee meetings will be Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 10) We have not received any updated capital budget items from any departments.
- 11) We then discussed the Six Town Regional Planning Board. That committee is waiting to hear from the towns on whether we should continue to pursue the endeavor of a six town district. This committee voted in favor of continuing the endeavor with a motion by Mr. Nestanpower and a second by Ms. Powell.
- 12) The PVRs district facility assessment and possible scenarios were briefly discussed.

The next meeting of the Committee will be Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm with a motion by Mr. Coleman and seconded by Mr. Nestanpower.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jody Coleman