

Finance Committee Meeting March 2nd , 2022, 7:00 PM EST
Veterans Memorial Building – Room #229
Millis, MA 02054

Hybrid Meeting in Person and Zoom

In Attendance:

Peter Berube-Chair—In Person
Peter Underhill- Secretary—In Person
Joyce Boiardi—In Person
Jim Borgman – Remote
John Loer—In Person
Cathy MacInnes—In Person
Sara Reyes – Remote
John Steadman—Remote

Kris Fogarty of the Millis Recreation Department

Kris Fogarty presented her budget plan for FY23 and reviewed upcoming budget changes and requests.

- Kris Fogarty presented two plans to attenuate the noise from the pickleball courts due to residents' complaints.
 - A visual and acoustical barrier from a vendor named Acoustiblock. For just over 19K, the vendor says their material will reduce noises from the pickleball court by 50%.
 - A windscreen and landscaping plan that would create an L shaped barrier around the courts for just over 15K.
- Kris Fogarty is seeking HCA finding for an inclusive summer camp for children with developmental and physical disabilities. The funding would be used for additional counselors.
- Kris Fogarty presented expanding the Teen program coordinator position using HCA funding.

Kim Tolson of the Millis Public Library

- Kim Tolson reviewed the FY23 budget, and services offered by the library and how they have increased over the last year.
- Kim requested additional funding for a PC server upgrade for the PC server for the library checkout system that predates the existing library.
- Kim requested funding for additional professional landscaping to guide the volunteers who work on the library areas.
- Kim requested additional funding for a replacement network-controlled lighting system for the library. The existing system is malfunctioning. The installing vendor has gone out of business and the system is no longer supported.

Mike Giampetro of the Building Department

- Mike Giampetro reviewed the services offered and the revenue generated by the building department. Mike also presented the FY23 budget for the Building Department.
- The Building Department has an increased training budget due to ongoing licensed required training.

Finance Committee Discussion

- Chair Peter Berube reported to the Finance Committee that the School Committee notified him that they will be exploring a renovation or replacement for the Middle/High School. There are no details yet, details will be presented in future meetings.
- Chair Peter Berube cautioned that this process will take years, this is just the initial part of the process.

- Chair Peter Berube informed the Finance Committee of the upcoming schedule, and that the committee will meet weekly.
- Cathy MacInnes informed the committee that there are 2 citizens petitions for the upcoming ballot that will need to be discussed as well.

Joyce Boyardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John Loer seconded.

Roll call vote: Peter Berube- aye, Joyce Boiardi- aye, Jim Borgman- aye, John Loer- aye, Cathy MacInnes- aye, Sara Reyes- aye, John Steadman- aye, Peter Underhill- aye.

Motion carries unanimously