

Finance Committee Meeting March 9th, 2022, 7:00 PM EST
Veterans Memorial Building – Room #229
Millis, MA 02054

Hybrid Meeting in Person

In Attendance:

Peter Berube-Chair

Peter Underhill- Secretary

Joyce Boiardi

Jim Borgman

John Loer

Cathy MacInnes

John Steadman

Chair Peter Berube called the Finance Committee to order at 7:00pm

Jim McKay Millis DPW

Jim McKay presented his budget plan for FY23 and reviewed upcoming budget changes and requests.

- Jim informed the committee that the PFAS treatment plant for wells 1 and 2 costs have increased from the previous 5.6M to 6.1M. The 500k is for contingency funds in case of unexpected costs, any unused funds will return to the town upon project completion.
- The tree removal budget will be placed within the DPW budget rather than being a separate warrant article. The DPW will work directly with the tree warden.
- Paving budget will be placed in the DPW budget the same way.
- The committee discussed with Jim McKay the details of chapter 90 funds and the limitations the state places on them.

- The committee discussed sidewalk/paving priorities within the town.
- Jim McKay presented the budget for the transfer and recycling station, noting that all costs are offset by the sticker sales, and there will be no increase in sticker costs this coming FY.
- The DPW requests funds for unidirectional hydrant flushing training. This one-time cost will clear more sediment out of the water mains when flushing hydrants. This will improve the water quality people see in their homes.
- The DPW requests funds for a state unfunded mandate to find all lead lines in town and inform homeowners.
- The DPW requests funds for a replacement for a 2011 Silverado with 135K miles. The truck is used all year as needed, including plowing.
- The DPW requests funds for a skid steer that will be used for sidewalk clearing and construction. The town currently rents one at a higher cost than buying one.
- The DPW requests funds for an electronic sign board. The old one is out of commission, and the sign is needed by the DPW, Schools, and other departments.

Chair Peter Berube informed the board that the failed articles from last town meeting will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting and gave an overview of who will be presenting at other upcoming meetings.

The Select Board will be presenting a draft warrant after March 28th, and the next town meeting is scheduled for May 2nd.

Joyce Boyardi made a motion to approve the minutes from March 2nd, Jim Borgman seconded.

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

Motion carries unanimously

Joyce Boyardi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Borgman seconded.

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

Motion carries unanimously