



**MINUTES
TOWN FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Thursday – May 9, 2024

**Hybrid
5:00 P.M.**

Item 1. Call to Order. J. Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item 2. Those Present. Finance Committee members present: Jonathan Anderson - Chair, Donald Cushing and Karin Shupe. Others present: Thomas Hall - Town Manager, Liam Gallagher - Assistant Town Manager, Norman Kildow - Finance Director, Kate Bolton, Director of Business and Finance for the School, Geoff Bruno, Superintendent of Schools, Diane Nadeau, Assistant Superintendent, Jenna Leong, BOE Finance Committee and Frayla Tarpinian BOE Finance Committee.

Item 3. Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2024, April 18, 2024 & April 24, 2024. Motion by D. Cushing, seconded by K. Shupe, to move approval of the meeting minutes of March 14, 2024, April 18, 2024 & April 24, 2024.

Vote: 3 Yeas. Motion Passes

Item 4. Discussion on FY2025 Municipal/School Budgets: J. Anderson noted that School Board members would not be available until around 5:30 p.m. so we will hear from the Town.

Review Adjustments to meet the \$1.2M further reduction

a. Review Budget Adjustments as of 05/01/2024: T. Hall, Town Manager, along with Norman Kildow, Finance Director, reviewed the ‘Scorecard’ which reflects the changes based on the directive the Committee gave at the Workshop and responded to questions from the Committee. A lengthy discussion ensued and the following motion was made:

Motion by J. Anderson, seconded by K. Shupe, move to accept the town's recommendation to make adjustments to the budget at \$1,142,966.

Vote: 3 Yeas. Motion Passes.

Members of the Board of Education Finance Committee as well as Kate Bolton presented their recommendations and responded to questions from the Committee. A lengthy discussion ensued and the following motion was made:

Motion by J. Anderson, seconded by D. Cushing, to move approval to recommend to the Council to adjust the original budget from the school from its original budget to a reduction of \$1.4 million.

A very lengthy discussion ensued around the motion. Mr. Hall noted to make sure he understood, the recommendation is essentially to have a further reduction of \$300,000, presumably it will come from somewhere on this page unidentified as to where, that's really not the role of council. J. Anderson stated, that is my motion on the floor.

J. Anderson called for the vote on the motion, adding the if it doesn't pass then I need someone else to propose a different motion of what we're going to propose to council.

Vote on Motion: 1 Yea. 2 Nays [D. Cushing & K. Shupe]

Motion by D. Cushing, to move approval to recommend to the Council to adjust the original budget from the school from its original budget to net reduction of \$1.7 million. There being no second, the motion fails.

Motion by K. Shupe, to move approval to recommend no further reduction to the School Budget. There being no second, the motion fails.

Motion by J. Anderson, seconded by D. Cushing, to move approval to recommend that we adjust the School Budget a total reduction of \$1,385,029.

Vote: 2 Yeas. 1 Nay [K. Shupe]. Motion Passes.

Motion by D. Cushing, seconded by J. Anderson, to move approval to recommend to remove the fund balance from the calculation the math reflects what's on this spreadsheet.

Vote: 1 Yea. 2 Nays [J. Anderson & K. Shupe]. Motion Fails

Motion by J. Anderson, seconded by K. Shupe, to move approval to recommend that we as a finance committee recommend maintaining the 985, 000 fund balance in the budget order.

Vote: 2 Yeas. 1 Nay [D. Cushing]. Motion Passes.

T. Hall, Town Manger noted he would work with K. Bolton to produce sheet very similar to what the School presented this evening. He would likely add a line that includes the 285,250 under operating. With reduction we are not going to be specific as to where it comes from so it will reflect your actions. We then will modify the budget order to reflect how these adjustments affect the various parts of the budget.

Item 5. Public Comments.

- Sue Hamill of Bay Street voice her opinion on the proposed cuts and but was more vocal on the wage and salary increase for both the town and the school; deferring the facilities study and the reval process.
- Debbie Gates of Black Point Road, voiced her opinion on the growth in Scarborough; what will happen if the voters do not approve the School Budget and town side as well budget and of the school survey.

Item 6. Adjourn. Motion by D. Cushing, seconded by K. Shupe, to move approval to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Vote: 3 Yeas. Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolande P. Justice - Town Clerk