

Marlborough Board of Finance
Marlborough Elementary School Media Center
And via Zoom and Speaker Phone
Regular Meeting – January 19, 2023

Call to Order

Chairman Natri called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Present and seated were Mike Natri, Ken Hjulstrom, Jeff Plourde, Jack Fidler (via Zoom/phone) and Robert Mirabel. Alternate Karen Pakulis Paul was seated for Liz Gorgoglione. Alternate Chris Barella was also present.

Public Comment

None

Additions to Agenda

None

New Business

- a. Public Hearing and Town Meeting to be held February 1, 2023
February 1st, the Board of Finance will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by a Town Meeting. The purpose of the Town Meeting is for public voting on a special appropriation for \$250,000. The taxpayers are welcome to vote at this meeting. A referendum is not needed.
- b. Town Manager Search Firm Selected
The BOS has chosen a search firm for the new Town Manager position. Ms. Bourbeau gave a quick update. They went with a smaller package over the expanded one.
- c. Review Budget Meeting Schedule
The Chairman sent a budget workshop meeting schedule to the Board. They will be meeting at various times and various dates to align with the new Charter.

Old Business

Finance Director Position

Ms. Traversa reported that the position is still open.

Reports

RHAM – Mr. Plourde said RHAM has not met yet.

Local BOE – Mr. Hjulstrom reported that the local BOE has not met either.

Financial Reports

Heating and diesel costs have been trending higher. The Interim Town Manager is shopping around for gas, diesel, propane and heating fuel prices. With little snow this year, the snow removal and overtime budgets are down. The Public Safety health insurance was up but that was due to it not being put in the budget. The Andover First Selectman is suggesting the towns give their opioid settlement funds to AHM. There are other places that money could go, for example, the ambulance or for Narcan.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Hjulstrom made a motion, Mr. Plourde seconded, to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2022, meeting with the following changes:

- Under Old Business, other discussions took place under the library update. A new paragraph should be added stating “Other items mentioned were ARP funding and the audit.”

VOTE: All voted in favor of the motion, except for Mr. Mirabel who abstained. Motion passed.

MOTION: Mr. Hjulstrom made a motion, Mr. Plourde seconded, to approve the minutes from the special January 12, 2023, meeting. All voted in favor.

Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Chairman Nastri adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Rihm

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Board Clerk