

Town of Marlborough

Board of Finance Members

Michael Nastri, Chairman
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Will Guzman



Board of Finance Alternate Members

Christopher Barella
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Board of Finance Special Meeting Agenda Budget Workshop

Thursday, February 29, 2024

6:00 PM

Marlborough Elementary School Media Center and Zoom

All minutes are considered 'DRAFT MINUTES' until approved at the next meeting.

1. Call to Order, Alternate Appointment

Present at the meeting were Michael Nastri, Karen Pakulis Paul, Jeffrey Plourde, Jack Fidler, Christopher Barella for Will Guzman.

Michael Nastri called the meeting to order at 6:03PM.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. New Business

a. BOS Operating Budget analysis and discussion by BOF

David Porter – Town Manager discussed Town Revenue – State of CT – Education, State of CT (accounted for changes for legislation), Local, Transfer from other town funds, Use of unassigned town fund balance, Back Taxes, Tax Levy (3.43% increase in taxes reflected in dollar amount to support increase spending and offset decrease in revenue).

Capital expenses are the costliest needs right now. The originally proposed Grand List showed it would be unable to do all projects without increasing taxes and placing a burden on residents. Reduced proposed Capital Town Operations. Proposed budget would increase the mill rate by 2.39 mills. Increase tax levy by 3.43%.

BOF members addressed future plans to see the BOS budget prior to the BOE budget, to have a better grasp on where the Town finances are. Planning should also take place for future generations, not just a 2-5-year plan. Increasing revenue is important for the future, rather than focusing on only expenses.

Town Operating Budget, proposed discussed by David Porter included the Town Hall Personnel, Operations, Administrative Expenses; Finance Department Personnel, Assessor, Tax Collector, Board of Finance, Registrar of Voters; Landuse Department; Agent for the Age – Transportation; Public Works – Personnel, Operations, Tree Removal, Sanitation/Transfer Station; Parks and Recreation;

Richmond Memorial Library; Fire Protection - gear, Public Safety – Police Department; Legal Fees; Regional Services & Procurement; Appointed Personnel; Contingency; Long Term Debt-Interest and Long Term Debt-Principal.

4. Public Comment

Betty O'Brien, 176 N Main Street

BOF represents the whole town. The town has gone from 60% of homes without children to 69%. The BOF is not scrutinizing the education budget like the BOS budget.

Scrutinize the BOE like the BOS. When looking at the budget, Holly [Hageman]'s word should not be the end-all, be all. Ask questions to understand what is needed.

5. Adjournment

Mike adjourned the meeting at 7:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Overturf Nohelty
Board. Clerk