

Town of Great Barrington Finance Committee Remote Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday April 4, 2023

1. **Call to Order and roll call vote** - P. Orenstein opened the meeting via Zoom at 6:00pm with a roll call: Milena Cerna, "aye," Richard Geiler, "aye," Madonna Meagher, "aye," Anne O'Dwyer, "aye," Philip Orenstein, "aye."
Also in attendance: Town Manager Mark Pruhenski, Financial Coordinator Allison Crespo
2. **Committee Member announcements or statements** – There were none.
3. **Approval of draft Minutes as posted on Town website** – meetings of Dec 13, 2022 and Jan 25, 2023.
A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the December 13, 2022 and January 25, 2023 minutes; R. Geiler seconded. P. Orenstein asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: M. Cerna, "aye," R. Geiler, "aye," M. Meagher, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor: 5-0.
4. **Town Manager Update:**
 - a. Reserve Fund request for Fire Department and potential vote to approve – M. Pruhenski stated this is a request for a transfer from the Reserve Fund to the Fire Department repair & maintenance budget as there is only \$1,000 remaining in the line item with a \$7,000 invoice pending and a \$5,000 repair required for the Department's aerial ladder to pass its annual certification. He noted the reason for the additional expense was due to increased costs and other unanticipated expenses
O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the transfer of \$15,000 from the Finance Committee Reserve Fund to the Fire Department; M. Meagher seconded. P. Orenstein asked for any discussion – there was none. Roll call vote: M. Cerna, "aye," R. Geiler, "aye," M. Meagher, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor: 5-0.
 - b. Update on Special Article related to Housatonic Water Works Relief and potential vote – M. Pruhenski said a proposal prepared by staff will be submitted to the Select Board.
5. **Citizen Speak Time** – No citizens asked to speak.
6. **Media Time** – No media asked to speak.
7. **Adjournment** - O'Dwyer made a motion to adjourn; R. Geiler seconded. Roll call vote: : M. Cerna, "aye," R. Geiler, "aye," M. Meagher, "aye," A. O'Dwyer, "aye," P. Orenstein, "aye." All in favor: 5-0. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Ostrow, Recording Clerk

Approved Sept 19, 2023