

**MINUTES**  
**JOINT FY 20 BUDGET MEETING**  
**GREAT BARRINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTBOARD**  
**TOWN HALL, 334 MAIN STREET**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019**  
**Immediately following 6:00pm finance committee meeting**

**PRESENT**

**Selectboard:** S. Bannon, E. Abrahams, D. Bailly, B. Cooke, K. Burke

**Finance Committee:** T. Blauvelt, E. Curletti, J. Lee, M. Loubert, A. O'Dwyer

**Town Manager:** J. Tabakin

**Town Accountant:** S. Carmel

**6:27 PM - OPEN MEETING**

**a. CALL TO ORDER:** S. Bannon called the meeting to order at 6:27PM

**b. APPROVAL OF FY20 JOINT BUDGET MEETING MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND SELECTBOARD**

- January 15, 2019
- January 22, 2019
- January 29, 2019
- February 6, 2019

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve all above minutes as submitted.

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** M. Loubert made a motion to approve all above minutes as submitted.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** E. Curletti

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**c. DISCUSSION RE: OUTSTANDING FY20 BUDGET MATTERS**

**1. Fellowship Funds – J. Tabakin**

Request for \$16,000 to cover a fellowship, work was previously done by interns and special project coordinator. This is a matching amount to be given to Joe Grochmal for his post-grad fellowship in Great Barrington. He will continue to work on Health Reform, researching resources for Economic Development, Fiber Optics, Transportation Issues, and Environmental Initiatives. This is a one-time cost, unless a future fellowship approaches the Town.

**M. Loubert** has done some research, and it seems many schools involved are Elite. Would less-elite students have this same opportunity?

**J. Tabakin** asserts that the Town did not create the fellowship, we just accepted the intern when he applied.

**E. Abrahams** asked if this is full time? And what is the total cost?

**J. Tabakin:** It is one school year, not full time.

**S. Carmel:** There was \$4000 existing in this line item dedicated to this purpose. \$2500 will be designated to the fellowship, and the remainder to another purpose.

**2. Board of Health**

Slight increase of \$2300 to cover additional salary costs that were not initially included.

**3. Police Department**

**E. Abrahams:** What is the recommendation to phase in training for officers in the area of driving under the influence of marijuana?

**J. Tabakin:** \$25,000 increase was added for training to cover training. We will be having a trainer come locally, rather than sending officers out for training. It can be done in this more cost effective way.

**D. Bailly:** How many officers are currently trained?

**Chief Walsh:** There are two currently trained. The training program is still being finalized across the state. One program will be given to all officers, a second tier training will be given to a few, and other online trainings are available as well. We are trying to have an instructor come to Great Barrington, rather than sending officers on the road to save dollars. State funding is also anticipated to be available next year. E. Abrahams confirmed that he spoke with the Cannabis Commission who confirmed there should be grants available net year for these trainings. \$25,000 is a good amount to start with.

**M. Loubert:** Can we designate the tax revenue generated by cannabis sales for these trainings?

**E. Abrahams:** We cannot designate this year, but moving forward we can look at what comes in and perhaps earmark it in Town Meeting, as we do for other revenue.

**J. Lee:** Has there been an increase in incidents since the legal establishment has opened?

**Chief Walsh:** No, it has been quiet.

**d. SELECTBOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – Discussion/Vote on FY20 Budget**

**1. ARTICLE 1**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** E. Curletti made a motion to approve Article 1 which states: To see if the Town will vote, to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2020 beginning on July 1, 2019 for the revolving funds as established in the towns by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, commissions, agencies or officers in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, or take any other action relative thereto.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**DISCUSSION:** A. O'Dwyer asked if there is an issue we are solving with these funds. T. Blauvelt asserted that these are annual funds.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0**

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve Article 1 as written

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE: 5-0**

**ASIDE:** S. Bannon notes that the one article missing is the School District, as we are ahead of them in voting.

**2. ARTICLE 2**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** M. Loubert made a motion to approve Article 2 which states: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 as indicated below:

Elected Officials Salaries: Selectboard: \$12,500 (\$2,500 per Selectboard member)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** E. Curletti

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve Article 2 as written

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

### **3. ARTICLE 3**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** J. Lee made a motion to approve Article 3 which states: To see if the Town will vote to accept any and all funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Transportation (Mass DOT), under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of town ways and bridges, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve Article 3 as written

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

### **4. ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money necessary for the operation of the several departments in the Town for the ensuing year for the purposes outlined below, or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### **1. GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

- *Town Manager/Selectboard*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve The Town Manager/Selectboard budget line of \$363,977

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve Article 4 line under General Government/Selectboard for \$363,977.

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

- *Finance Committee*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the Finance Committee Reserve Fund of \$100,300

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** E. Curletti

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Finance Committee Reserve Fund of \$100,300

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

- *Town Accountant*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the Town Accountant budget line of \$144,300

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** E. Curletti

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Town Accountant budget line of \$144,300

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

- *Technology*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the Technology budget line of \$208,628

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** E. Curletti

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Technology budget line of \$208,628

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

- *Assessors*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the Assessors budget line of \$156,710

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** E. Curletti

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Assessors budget line of \$156,710

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

- *Treasurer/Collector*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the Treasurer/Collector budget line of \$215,941

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Treasurer/Collector budget line of \$215,941

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

- *Town Clerk/Elections*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the Town Clerk/Elections budget line of \$128,588

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Clerk/Elections budget line of \$128,588  
**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly  
**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

- *Conservation Commission*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission budget line of \$35,460  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission budget line of \$35,460  
**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly  
**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

- *Historic District Commission*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the Historic District Commission budget line of \$2,500  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Historic District Commission budget line of \$2,500  
**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly  
**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

- *Various Boards and Commissions*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the Various Boards and Commissions budget line of \$15,470  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Various Boards and Commissions budget line of \$15,470  
**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly  
**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

- *Planning Board*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the Planning Board budget line of \$5,250  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Planning Board budget line of \$5,250  
**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly  
**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0



- *Zoning Board of Appeals*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals budget line of \$1,350

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals budget line of \$1,350

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

- *Office of Planning and Community Development*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the Office of Planning and Community Development budget line of \$106,490

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the Office of Planning and Community Development budget line of \$106,490

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

## **2. PUBLIC SAFETY**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Public Safety: Police Department-\$1,689,761; Fire Department-\$587,470; Communications/Emergency Management-\$27,027; Building Inspector-\$167,162; Animal Control-\$12,520

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Public Safety: Police Department-\$1,689,761; Fire Department-\$587,470; Communications/Emergency Management-\$27,027; Building Inspector-\$167,162; Animal Control-\$12,520

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

## **3. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Department of Public Works of \$2,290,428

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Department of Public Works of \$2,290,428

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

**4. BOARD OF HEALTH**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Board of Health of \$121,120

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Board of Health of \$121,120

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

**5. COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Community Services: Council on Aging-\$155,995; Veterans Affairs-\$138,100; Human Services-\$35,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Community Services: Council on Aging-\$155,995; Veterans Affairs-\$138,100; Human Services-\$35,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

**6. CULTURAL/RECREATION**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Cultural/Recreation: Libraries-\$563,710; Parks/Recreation-\$98,750

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 4-0-1, T. Blauvelt recused due to conflict with Library

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Cultural/Recreation: Libraries-\$563,710; Parks/Recreation-\$98,750

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

**7. MISCELLANEOUS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Miscellaneous: Insurance-\$1,696,750; Debt Service-\$1,661,150; Retirement-\$856,960; Celebrations/Seasonal/Events/Band Programs-\$14,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Miscellaneous: Insurance-\$1,696,750; Debt Service-\$1,661,150; Retirement-\$856,960; Celebrations/Seasonal/Events/Band Programs-\$14,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly  
**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

**5. ARTICLE 5**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** E. Curletti made a motion to accept Article 5 which reads: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the receipts of the Wastewater Treatment Plant such sums of money necessary for the operation of the Sewer Division for the ensuing year for the purposes outlined below, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Wastewater treatment plant Salaries-\$472,655; Expenses-\$648,268; Insurance/Benefits-\$286,610; Miscellaneous/Transfers-\$158,000; Debt Service-\$644,066

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** A. O'Dwyer

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to accept Article 5 which reads: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the receipts of the Wastewater Treatment Plant such sums of money necessary for the operation of the Sewer Division for the ensuing year for the purposes outlined below, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Wastewater treatment plant Salaries-\$472,655; Expenses-\$648,268; Insurance/Benefits-\$286,610; Miscellaneous/Transfers-\$158,000; Debt Service-\$644,066

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

**6. ARTICLE 6 – SKIPPED**

**7. ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$8,652,000 or any other sum of money, in the following approximate amounts and for the following purposes, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by taxation, transferred from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

- **STREET/ROAD/SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** M. Loubert made a motion to accept the proposed budget line for Street/Road/Sidewalk Improvements -\$6,840,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** A. O'Dwyer

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion accept the proposed budget line for Street/Road/Sidewalk Improvements -\$6,840,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

- **BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

- 1. *Transfer Station Improvements*

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to accept the proposed budget line for Transfer Station Improvements of \$100,000.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to accept the proposed budget line for Transfer Station Improvements of \$100,000.

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly



**SELECTBOARD VOTE: 5-0**

**2. *Town Hall Security Upgrades***

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to accept the proposed budget line for Town Hall Security Upgrades of \$20,000.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**DISCUSSION:** What does this include? The Selectboard did not recommend this. S. Bannon's opinion is that the Town Hall Lobby is not a Park. The concept is to keep the Town Hall open to allow public bathroom use. This would require gates and extra security. This is not recommended by the Town Manager.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** M. Loubert made a motion to remove Town Hall Security Upgrades in the amount of \$20,000 from Buildings and Grounds.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** A. O'Dwyer

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0**

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to remove Town Hall Security Upgrades in the amount of \$20,000 from Buildings and Grounds.

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE: 5-0**

**3. *Housatonic School Improvements***

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for Housatonic School Improvements in the amount of \$650,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**DISCUSSION:** Per S. Bannon we can do a separate Article for this to allow for a separate discussion at Town Meeting. J. Tabakin explained it would take three Articles due to the different aspects of it. Tonight, we can vote to endorse the concept of the project.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0**

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams approve the proposed budget line for Housatonic School Improvements in the amount of \$650,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE: 5-0**

**4. *Housatonic Fire Department***

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A/ O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for the Housatonic Fire Station repairs in the amount of \$70,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE: 5-0**

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for the Housatonic Fire Station repairs in the amount of \$70,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE: 5-0**

**5. *Police Station Roof Repairs & Building Improvements***

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for the Police Station Roof Repairs & Building Improvements in the amount of \$200,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for the Police Station Roof Repairs & Building Improvements in the amount of \$200,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

**6. *Water Refilling Stations***

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for the Water Refilling Stations in the amount of \$32,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**DISCUSSION:** M. Loubert would like to remove the proposed \$32,000 from Buildings and Grounds.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 0-5-motion failed, all opposed

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion **not to** approve the proposed budget line for the Water Refilling Stations in the amount of \$32,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

**7. *Town Hall Plumbing and Sewer Upgrades***

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** A. O'Dwyer made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for the Town Hall Plumbing and Sewer Upgrades in the amount of \$32,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for the Town Hall Plumbing and Sewer Upgrades in the amount of \$32,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

**• (2) POLICE CRUISERS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** M. Loubert made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for two police cruisers in the amount of \$125,000.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** J. Lee

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for two police cruisers in the amount of \$125,000.

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly  
**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

• **(3) HIGHWAY DUMP TRUCKS WITH PLOW AND SANDER**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** M. Loubert made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for (3) highway dump trucks with plow and sander in the amount of \$410,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** J. Lee

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for (3) highway dump trucks with plow and sander in the amount of \$410,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

• **FIRE TURNOUT GEAR**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** M. Loubert made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for Fire Turnout Gear in the amount of \$70,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** J. Lee

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for Fire Turnout Gear in the amount of \$70,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

• **(6) PORTABLE POLICE RADIOS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** M. Loubert made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for (6) portable police radios in the amount of \$45,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** A. O'Dwyer

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for (6) portable police radios in the amount of \$45,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

• **TELECOMMUNICATION UPGRADES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** M. Loubert made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for Telecommunication Upgrades in the amount of \$50,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** A. O'Dwyer

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for Telecommunication Upgrades in the amount of \$50,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0



• **PARKS AND OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** M. Loubert made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for Parks and Open Space Improvements in the amount of \$42,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** A. O'Dwyer

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to approve the proposed budget line for Parks and Open Space Improvements in the amount of \$42,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

**8. ARTICLE 8**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** J. Lee made a motion to accept Article 8 which reads: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2020, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to accept Article 8 which reads: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of Free Cash to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year 2020, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

*Recommended number is \$1,950,000*

**9. ARTICLE 9**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** M. Loubert made a motion to accept Article 9 which reads: To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding any capital related project or piece of equipment or debt service payment related thereto, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws or take any other action relative thereto

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** J. Lee

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to accept Article 9 which reads: To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding any capital related project or piece of equipment or debt service payment related thereto, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws or take any other action relative thereto

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

**10. ARTICLE 10**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** J. Lee made a motion to accept Article 10 which reads: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money into the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto for \$1,000,000

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** A. O'Dwyer

**FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE:** 5-0

**SELECTBOARD MOTION:** E. Abrahams made a motion to accept Article 10 which reads: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money into the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto for \$1,000,000

**SELECTBOARD SECOND:** D. Bailly

**SELECTBOARD VOTE:** 5-0

**e. CITIZEN SPEAK**

**1. Steve Farina – 87 Railroad**

As the Board moves forward discussing funding for Housatonic School, rather than raising funds from tax payer and Capital Request, it be transferred from Special Reserve Fund from sale of Bryant School.

**f. ADJOURN**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION:** E. Curletti

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SECOND:** M. Loubert

**VOTE:** 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

**Selectboard moves into Executive Session, not to return to regular session.**

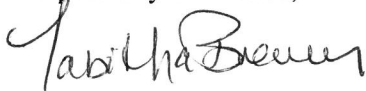
**MOTION:** E. Abrahams

**SECOND:** D. Bailly

In a roll call vote, Mr. Abrahams said aye, Ms. Burke said aye, Mr. Bailly said aye, Mr. Cooke said aye and Mr. Bannon said aye.

**ROLL Call VOTE:** 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Tabitha Brewer  
Recording Secretary