

**TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2022 – 5:00 PM**

On November 2, 2022, the Finance Committee held a meeting at 5:00 PM at the Lakeville Public Library, 4 Precinct Street. The Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Chairman Brian Day. Chairman Day acknowledged the Finance Committee Members present were: Brian Day, Katherine Desrosiers, Lawrence Kostant, Adam Lynch and Christopher Ploka. Also present were Ari Sky, Town Administrator, Todd Hassett, Town Accountant and Rich LaCamera, Selectman. This meeting was recorded by LakeCAM.

Finance Committee Announcements

Chairman B. Day referenced the Open Meeting Law Training that was held last week and he noted that the upcoming Special Town Meeting will be held at Apponoquet High School on November 14, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Discussion and possible votes to approve meeting minutes from March 21, April 25, May 16, June 13, July 11 and October 24 of 2022

Chairman B. Day asked the members present if they had reviewed the presented minutes and if there are any changes. The members presented noted that they have reviewed the minutes and they have no changes.

Upon motion made by Member A. Lynch and seconded by Member L. Kostant, the Finance Committee voted to approve the March 21, April 25, May 16, June 13, July 11 and October 24, 2022 minutes as presented. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch - Aye and C. Ploka – Abstains on 3/21 & 4/25 minutes

Chairman B. Day asked to take #4 out of order.

Discussion and possible vote to nominate a member to the Freetown Lakeville Regional School District Finance Sub-Committee

Chairman B. Day noted that there is an opening to the Freetown Lakeville Regional School District Finance Sub-Committee and asked if there is anyone that would like to be nominated. Select Board Chair R. LaCamera briefly spoke about the meeting schedule.

Upon motion made by Member A. Lynch and seconded by Member L. Kostant, the Finance Committee voted to appoint Brian Day to the Freetown Lakeville Regional School District Finance Sub-Committee as the Finance Committee's representative. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch - Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

Discussion and possible vote on a Reserve Fund Transfer Request for \$10,945 to the Fire Department for SCBA Equipment Grant match requirement

T. Hassett explained to the Finance Committee the SCBA Equipment Grant and the 5% local match requirement. There was a decision made on this in August and the Town was awarded

the grant for \$219,000. The 5% match is \$10,945. This is to replace the breathing apparatus for the staff. It was noted that there is \$150,000 in the Reserve Fund.

Upon motion made by Member A. Lynch and seconded by Member C. Ploka, the Finance Committee voted to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer Request in the amount of \$10,945 for the Fire Department as requested. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch - Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

At 5:14 PM Member K. Desrosiers stepped onto the Finance Committee.

Discuss and review of a typical Lakeville Budget Planning Cycle for a Fiscal Year

Ari Sky reviewed with the Finance Committee, Article 6 and the reflection of the current practice bringing the budget to the Select Board and the Finance Committee by January 30th. The change will be that the Town Administrator will present a budget calendar that will be adjusted every year. A. Sky spoke about the upcoming fiscal year budget process and what it will look like. It was noted that there is still the unknown as to when the Governor's budget will be out and there was discussion on the State school aid and when those figures are available.

Review the status of open Capital Improvement Plan Items prior to FY '23

Chairman B. Day asked the Finance Committee members to review the list of Capital Improvement Items and asked T. Hassett to review the status on the open items. T. Hassett reviewed each Department, their capital items and the status. The Committee Members asked questions.

Discussion and possible votes on recommendations for each article on the Lakeville 2022 Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant as posted by the Select Board

Chairman B. Day began the review of the November 14, 2022 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 1 – This article is for unpaid bills. There was a review of the nine unpaid bills that total \$12,338. There are no questions.

Upon motion made by Member A. Lynch and seconded by Member K. Desrosiers, the Finance Committee voted to approve Article 1 in the amount of \$12,338. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

Article 2 – This article is for current budget supplements in the amount of \$70,000. There was a review of the two items. There was a brief discussion on the Facilities Manager line item and the \$50,000 to fund the position to the end of the current fiscal year.

Upon motion made by Member A. Lynch and seconded by Member K. Desrosiers, the Finance Committee voted to approve Article 2 in the amount of \$70,000. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

Article 3 – This article is for capital improvements and equipment in the amount of \$455,000 coming from Free Cash to fund this.

Upon motion made by Member A. Lynch and seconded by Member K. Desrosiers, the Finance Committee voted to approve Article 3 in the amount of \$455,000. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

Article 4 – This article is the replacement of windows and exterior doors at the Assawompsett Elementary School. This is a Mass School Building Authority project with 53.53% funding in addition to the Town’s appropriation for a total rough cost of 4 million.

Upon motion made by Member A. Lynch and seconded by Member K. Desrosiers, the Finance Committee voted to approve Article 4 in the amount of \$455,000. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

Article 5 – This article is for the Community Preservation Fund and establishing their budget for FY ’23. T. Hassett explained the budgeting and the estimated revenue.

Upon motion made by Member A. Lynch and seconded by Member K. Desrosiers, the Finance Committee voted to not approve Article 5. Polled Vote: B. Day - Nay, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Nay and C. Ploka – Aye

Article 6 – This article is adjust the timeline for the budget as discussed previously by the Town Administrator. There are no questions.

Upon motion made by Member A. Lynch and seconded by Member C. Ploka, the Finance Committee voted to approve Article 6. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

Article 7 – This article is in regard to a Preservation Restriction for the Town-owned property located at 2 Precinct Street.

Upon motion made by Member K. Desrosiers and seconded by Member A. Lynch, the Finance Committee voted to approve Article 7. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

Article 8 – This article is to make changes to the Community Preservation Bylaw. There is a hold placed on this article.

Article 9 – This article is to add Associate Member to the Planning Board. There is a hold placed on this article.

Article 10 – This article allows the noted Boards & Committees to have the ability to hold adjudicatory hearings. There is a hold placed on this article.

Article 11 – This article is for a zoning by law change for digital signs. There is a hold placed on this article.

Article 12 – This article is for a zoning by-law change for the business district. There is a hold placed on this article.

Article 13 – This article is to amend a section of the Zoning Bylaws to add Industrial Uses. There is a hold placed on this article.

Article 14 – This article is to remove the Development Opportunities District. There is a hold placed on this article.

Article 15 – This article is to amend Zoning Bylaws by modifying sections as indicated. The Committee discussed the articles and agrees to make a recommendation.

Upon motion made by Member L. Kostant and seconded by Member K. Desrosiers, the Finance Committee voted to approve Article 15. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

Article 16 – This article is to update the Town of Lakeville's Zoning Map by rezoning 155.4 acres located on County Street from residential to Industrial. Member L. Kostant stated that he will be abstaining from voting on this article as he is an abutter. There is a hold placed on the article.

Article 17 – This article is to amend the Zoning Bylaws by adding Reusable Materials or Equipment on properties. There is a hold place on this article.

Article 18 – This article is to amend the Zoning Bylaws Use to add Business Uses of Licensed Junk Dealers. There is a hold placed on this article.

Article 19 – This article is to amend a general by law. There is a hold placed on this article.

Article 20 – This article is to accept MGL, Chapter 50, Section 58 to authorize the Town to assess a municipal charges lien on any real property in Town for fees and charges that have not been paid by their due date.

Upon motion made by Member L. Kostant and seconded by Member A. Lynch, the Finance Committee voted to approve Article 20. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

Article 21 – This article is to transfer the care, custody and control of the parcels of land identified from the Treasurer/Collector to the Select Board.

Upon motion made by Member L. Kostant and seconded by Member A. Lynch, the Finance Committee voted to approve Article 21. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

Article 22 – This article will require automatic sprinklers in lodging house or boarding houses for the Fire Department. There is a hold placed on the article.

Article 23 – This article is for roadway acceptance for Ledgewood Drive. There is a hold placed on this article.

Article 24 – This article is to see if the Town would like to change the Town Clerk from an Elected Position to an Appointed Position. Select Board Chair, R. LaCamera noted that the Town has changed the Highway Superintendent and the Treasurer/Collector positions from elected positions to appointed positions and they would like to change this one as well.

Upon motion made by Member L. Kostant and seconded by Member K. Desrosiers, the Finance Committee voted to approve Article 24. Polled Vote: B. Day - Nay, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Nay and C. Ploka – Aye

Article 25 – This is a citizen petition to recall and election and what the steps are proposed to accomplish this. There are concerns expressed with items in the petition.

Upon motion made by Member L. Kostant and seconded by Member K. Desrosiers, the Finance Committee voted to not approve Article 25. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

Article 26 – This article is a citizens petition to increase the number of the Select Board from three members to five members. There was discussion on the increase cost in salaries and benefits for the new members. There is a hold placed on this article.

Chairman B. Day brings the Finance Committee back to Article 16 for a recommendation. He noted that Member L. Kostant will be abstaining.

Upon motion made by Member A. Lynch and seconded by Member K. Desrosiers, the Finance Committee voted to no action be taken Article 16. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Abstain, A. Lynch – Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

Chairman B. Day asked the Board to vote on the remaining articles.

Upon motion made by Member K. Desrosiers and seconded by Member C. Polka, the Finance Committee voted to no action be taken on Articles 8-14, Articles 17-19, Articles 22-23 and Article 26. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

Adjournment

Upon motion made and seconded, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Polled Vote: B. Day - Aye, K. Desrosiers – Aye, L. Kostant - Aye, A. Lynch – Aye and C. Ploka – Aye

