

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2022 – 6:30 PM
REMOTE LOCATION

On April 25, 2022, the Finance Committee attended the Select Board's Meeting at 6:30 PM remotely from various locations. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice Chairman Lynch. Members present were Brian Day; Larry Kostant; Adam Lynch; and Christopher Plonka. LakeCAM was recording the meeting for broadcast.

In accordance with provisions allowed by Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, the April 25, 2022 public meeting of the Lakeville Select Board will be held remotely. **However, to view this meeting in progress, please go to [facebook.com/lakecam](https://www.facebook.com/lakecam) (you do not need a Facebook account to view the meeting). This meeting will be recorded and available to be viewed at a later date at <http://www.lakecam.tv/>.**

Meet with Finance Committee and Town Moderator for May 16, 2022 Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant Review

Present from the Select Board were Evagelia Fabian, Richard LaCamera, Chairman, and Lorraine Carboni. Also present was Ari Sky, Town Administrator, and Tracie Craig-McGee, Executive Assistant. Chairman LaCamera said that we will review the warrant articles. It is up to the Finance Committee if they want to make a recommendation on the articles, which will be listed on the warrant. The four (4) zoning article hearings have not been held yet; you may not want to make a recommendation on those until those are done.

Special Town Meeting Warrant

Chairman LaCamera said Article 1 is for transfers for unpaid bills. Mr. Sky said the Free Cash balance is \$2,417,877 and \$143,500 for Reserve Fund

Upon a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mr. Kostant, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee recommends Article 1 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Chairman LaCamera reviewed the transfers in Article 2. Mr. Sky said the snow and ice budget has been increased for FY23 approximately \$30,000.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mr. Kostant, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee recommends Article 2 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Chairman LaCamera said for Article #3, this is a list of items funded previously and we don't need the funds anymore so we are transferring \$96,200 to some FY22 capital projects. Mr. Day asked were these deferred or funding received from other sources. Chairman LaCamera said the radios came from CARES funds and the generator from the Town Office Building came in \$25,000 under budget.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Lynch and seconded by Mr. Kostant, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee recommends Article 3 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Chairman LaCamera said the final budget was distributed last week. Article #1 is for the Town's annual operating budget.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Lynch and seconded by Mr. Day, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee recommends Article 1 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Article #2 is in regards to the operational budget for the Park Commission.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Lynch and seconded by Mr. Kostant, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee recommends Article 2 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Article #3 is in regards to the operational budget for the Landfill/Transfer Station.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Day and seconded by Mr. Kostant, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee recommends Article 3 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Article #4 is to fund items from the Capital Improvement Plan. Chairman LaCamera read the capital improvement items, their amounts and where the funds were coming from. Mr. Day asked what is the procedure on the lease/purchase for the ladder truck; when is payment due. Mr. Sky said upon delivery and then the financing kicks in. Mr. Day asked about the balance on the LeBaron mitigation. Mr. Sky said it is approximately \$90,000. Chairman LaCamera said as units are being occupied, that is when the Town receives the additional fee.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Lynch and seconded by Mr. Kostant, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 4 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Article #5 is to add funds to the Stabilization Account. Mr. Sky said approximately \$700,000 is going into Stabilization.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Lynch and seconded by Mr. Day, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 5 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Article #6 is in regards to adding to the Other Post-Employment Benefits account (OPEB). Mr. Sky said \$310,000 is going into OPEB to account for non-retirement post-employment costs for employees.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Lynch and seconded by Mr. Day, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 6 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Articles #7-10 are for the zoning articles. Chairman LaCamera said the Planning Board will be holding hearings on April 28th for them. Article 7 is for Open Space Residential Development. Article 8 is revisions to the sign by-law. Article 9 is Site Plan Review and Article 10 is a correction to an existing by-law. Vice Chairman Lynch recommended that the Finance Committee wait until after the hearings for a recommendation. Mr. Day noted the Finance Committee can make a recommendation of no recommendation. Mr. Kostant said there is no financial weight in these besides permitting fees.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Lynch and seconded by Mr. Day, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee recommends no recommendation on Article 7 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Lynch and seconded by Mr. Day, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee recommends no recommendation on Article 8 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Lynch and seconded by Mr. Day, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee recommends no recommendation on Article 9 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Lynch and seconded by Mr. Day, it was:

VOTED: That the Finance Committee recommends no recommendation on Article 10 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Chairman LaCamera said Article #11 has to do with the proposed purchase of the Lakeville Country Club. Vice Chairman Lynch recommended that the Finance Committee wait on a recommendation on Article #11. Mr. Day asked since last week's meeting, does the warrant as written allow for the individual Purchase and Sales Agreements or are they lumped together. Chairman LaCamera said right now it is all combined. Mr. Kostant asked if this is going to require an override. Chairman LaCamera said yes. If the Finance Committee has not seen the information meeting on April 20th, he suggests that you review that. Mr. Sky said we are learning more about this transaction all the time and we will let the Board and public know. Mr. Day asked if Mr. Sky could send to the Finance Committee any new information. Mr. Sky said we know there is a covenant that requires the property to operate as a golf course. There is language in the Purchase and Sales Agreement regarding personal and real property on the site that does not convey. We don't know anything about operational costs. In the presentation for Town meeting we will note these. Mr. Day said there may be no equipment to operate the golf course. Mr. Sky said that would have to be a separate negotiation with the seller.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Lynch and seconded by Mr. Day, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:30 PM.

Roll call vote: Mr. Day – aye; Mr. Plonka – aye; Mr. Kostant – aye; and Vice Chairman Lynch – aye.

Chairman LaCamera said every year we have a meeting to go over the motions for Town Meeting. Mr. Sky is proposing Wednesday at 10:00 AM. Vice Chairman Lynch said he will attend.

List of documents provided at the Finance Committee Meeting of April 25, 2022

1. Agenda sheet; Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants