

**Town of West Boylston
Finance/CIB Committee
Meeting of April 26, 2021**

A meeting of Fincom and CIB was convened at 7:02 pm in the Senior Center multifunction room. Attending Fincom and CIB members were Chris Berglund, Ray Bricault, Mary Foley, Pete Murphy, and Paul Redmond. Austin Cyganiewicz, Bill Fay, Paul Bohannon, and Jim Marinelli were absent.

The minutes of the meeting for April 20 were approved by a vote of 4-0.

The town meeting warrant was reviewed:

- Article 1 - Report to Town Meeting - Ray Bricault moved and Chris Berglund seconded a motion for Fincom to provide a report to town meeting. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.
- Article 2 - Authorization to borrow funds - Chris Berglund moved and Paul Redmond seconded a motion to endorse the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.
- Article 3 - Authorization to spend and accept state highway funds - Mary Foley moved and Pete Murphy seconded a motion to endorse the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.
- Article 4 - Change personnel bylaw to allow a 2% COLA - Mary Foley moved and Paul Redmond seconded a motion to take no position on the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.
- Article 5 - Authorize salaries - Chris Berglund moved and Mary Foley seconded a motion to take no position on the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.
- Article 6 - Authorize transfer of FY21 funds - Ray Bricault moved and Pete Murphy seconded a motion to passover the article until more information is available. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.
- Article 7 - Pay bills from a previous year - Ray Bricault moved and Mary Foley seconded a motion to passover the article until more information is available. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.
- Article 8 - Appropriated Sewer enterprise funds - Ray Bricault moved and Chris Berglund seconded a motion to passover the article until more information is available. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.

- Article 9 - FY22 Town Operating Budget - Mary Foley moved and Ray Bricault seconded a motion to endorse the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.
- Article 10 - Authorize Capital expenditures - The expenditures are for a DPW Truck at \$220,000 and Fire forestry truck at \$140,000 from the Capital Investment funds. Ray Bricault moved and Pete Murphy seconded a motion to endorse the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0 and by CIB by a vote of 4-0.
- Article 11 - Purchase an aerator machine (\$17,000) for the Parks from free cash - Fincom is asking for more information on the need for this equipment. No action was taken.
- Article 12 - Purchase a zero turn mower (\$14,000) for the DPW from free cash - Fincom is asking for more information on the need for this equipment. No action was taken.
- Article 13 - Authorize tree removal service (\$24,000) from free cash - Fincom is asking for more information on the need for this service and why it is not an operating budget item. No action was taken.
- Article 14 - Transfer of cemetery funds (\$5,000) - Chris Berglund moved and Mary Foley seconded a motion to endorse the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0
- Article 15 - Authorize Elder services - The article continues conflicting expense amounts. The pay rate of \$11/hour was questioned since it is below minimum wage. No action was taken.
- Article 16 - Authorize Revolving funds - Ray Bricault moved and Pete Murphy seconded a motion to endorse the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.
- Article 17 - Authorize CPC annual expense - Pete Murphy moved and Paul Redmond seconded a motion to endorse the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.
- Article 18 - Authorize CPC expenditure for Pride Park - No expense amount is included. There is some continuing controversy over what qualifies the playground equipment as handicap accessible and what is required through the children's IEP. No action was taken.
- Article 19 - Transfer Unemployment funds (\$20,000) - Ray Bricault moved and Mary Foley seconded a motion to endorse the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0
- Article 20 - Authorize TIF agreement - The information provided was not sufficient to explain the benefit to the town. No action was taken.
- Article 21 - Authorize cannabis tax fund - Chris Berglund moved and Paul Redmond seconded a motion to endorse the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.

- Article 22 - Adopt law on attendance at public hearings - Ray Bricault moved and Chris Berglund seconded a motion to take no position on the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.
- Article 23 - Zoning change for signage - Ray Bricault moved and Mary Foley seconded a motion to take no position on the article. The motion was tabled to obtain more information to understand the purpose of the change.
- Article 24 - Authorize a new holiday - Pete Murphy moved and Paul Redmond seconded a motion to take no position on the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.
- Article 25 - Appropriate funds to OPEB - No amount is specified in the article. No action was taken.
- Article 26 - Appropriate funds to the CIF - \$413,503 to the Capital Investment Fund. Ray Bricault moved and Pete Murphy seconded a motion to endorse the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0 and by CIB by a vote of 4-0.
- Article 27 - Establish a disability commission - No information has been provided on the purpose of the commission. Nevertheless, Ray Bricault moved and Chris Berglund seconded a motion to take no position on the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-0.

Work on the Fincom CIB report to town meeting is ongoing. Ray Bricault and Pete Murphy will provide an outline.

Leominster has a DPW truck cleaning station which other towns do not use. They could be open to contracting the use of the station to other towns. Fincom will raise this issue with the Select Board.

The next meeting will be the April 28, with the Select Board, by Zoom at 6 pm..

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm as moved by Pete Murphy and Paul Redmond.

Pete Murphy
Secretary, Fincom and CIB