

**Town of West Boylston
Finance/CIB Committee
Meeting of December 2, 2021**

A meeting of Fincom and CIB was convened at 6:38 pm by Zoom. Attending remotely were Fincom and CIB members Chris Berglund, Paul Bohanson, Mary Foley, Jim Marinelli, Pete Murphy and Paul Redmond. Austin Cyganiewicz, Ray Bricault, and Bill Fay were absent.

Jonathon Fitch, Municipal Light Director, and Anna Shaw, Library Director, attended the meeting to discuss the library HVAC upgrade.

Jonathon Fitch reported on the Eversource interest in helping the library convert the HVAC to electric heat pump. The natural gas industry has been charged by the state with assisting with the transition from natural gas to electric. Eversource is the local natural gas supplier. Eversource was contacted about the library by an employee of the WB Municipal Light. After their visit, they agreed it is the right type of demonstration project. They have authorized an engineering study with Rise Engineering to prepare a design specification for quotations. Eversource can provide financial support for the conversion through rebates of up to \$2500 per heat pump ton. The library is a 50 ton system so a rebate could cover up to \$125,000 in cost. This will be determined once the design and cost estimate are complete. Timing is unknown at this point, but Fincom would like to have a financial proposal for the May town meeting.

Eversource will be supporting other transition projects in 2022 and other local buildings could be candidates.

The minutes of meeting for November 18 were approved with an amendment to correct the date. Approval was moved by Mary Foley and seconded by Paul Redmond with a roll call vote of 6-0.

A budget transfer request of \$5000 has been requested in the town hall budget for 2022. The custodian is retiring and will be replaced by a cleaning service. The transfer will be from Salaries to Purchased Services. Approval was moved by Paul Redmond and seconded by Paul Bohanson and approved by a roll call vote with all voting to approve 6-0.

Future meetings are not planned yet, but will continue to be by Zoom until the department review meetings next year, which will be in person. The next Zoom meeting is expected to be a meeting early next year with the Town Administrator and Accountant on Free Cash.

The Water Department testing for PFAS chemical contamination was completed. One well tested at 2 PPT and the other 2 wells showed no detectable amount. The limit is set at 20 PPT. The state will require continued future testing. The failed test in Sterling has not yet been explained. No meeting with the Water Superintendent Mike Coveny is planned, given the result.

The Oakdale water well Manganese project is underway and will not come online until next year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm as moved by Mary Foley and seconded by Paul Redmond.
All voted in favor. No next meeting is scheduled.

Pete Murphy
Secretary, Fincom and CIB