

**Town of West Boylston
Finance/CIB Committee
Meeting of May 17, 2021**

A meeting of Fincom and CIB was convened at 5:30 pm on the High School baseball field, just prior to the scheduled May Town Meeting. Attending Fincom and CIB members were Chris Berglund, Ray Bricault, Paul Bohnsen, Mary Foley, Pete Murphy, and Paul Redmond. Austin Cyganiewicz, Bill Fay, and Jim Marinelli were absent.

The minutes of meeting for May 4, 2021 were approved by a vote of 6-0.

The remaining warrant articles that require action were reviewed:

- Article 6 - Transfer of FY21 Funds - The transfers were identified by the Town Administrator and discussed: The total is \$240,397, from Facilities Purchased Services to Town Accountant Purchased Services \$5,000, DPW Wages \$40,000 and Free cash \$90,000 to DPW Purchased Services, WBPA Wages to WBPA System Maintenance \$10,000, Elections Wages to Elections Purchased Services \$2,400 and Elections Other \$1,000, Police Wages to Police Supplies \$6,000, Snow/Ice Wages to Snow/Ice Supplies \$10,000, Group Health Insurance to Snow/Ice Supplies \$71,467 and Purchased Services \$4,530. The transfer to the DPW is to pay for upgrading line paint and painting to obtain extended life. This decision was previously discussed and approved by the Select Board. The other transfers are to cover budget variances, including the usual Snow/Ice overruns. Ray Bricault moved and Paul Bohnsen seconded a motion to endorse the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 6-0.
- Article 7 - Pay Bills from a previous year - There are no outstanding bills. Ray Bricault moved and Paul Redmond seconded a motion to pass over the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 6-0.
- Article 13 - Tree Removal Fund - Fincom had objected to this separate fund due to the standard practice of using the Fincom fund for emergency and unanticipated budget expense. The Town Administrator explained that the trees needing removal are known and numerous, but the expense is difficult and expensive to estimate for each tree. Therefore a fund, with limited funds works better. Also, this is not the first time such a fund has been established for a special purpose. Paul Bohnsen moved and Mary Foley seconded a motion to endorse the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 6-0.
- Article 19 - Pride Park Renovation using CPC Funds - The Pride Park play area is not compliant with ADA. If it is not made compliant, complaints are expected and the play area will have to be closed. In order to achieve compliance for the beginning of school in September, so that the Major Edwards school can continue to use the park, funding approval by Town Meeting has been proposed at \$250,000, even though the engineering estimates are incomplete and ongoing. This is not the usual practice, but funding approval is necessary to

keep the park open. Fincom was not supportive of bypassing the estimating and bidding process, but understood the urgency of the need. \$130,000 is expected for the new rubber surface and \$120,000 is a contingency for other equipment and installation. \$10,000 for the engineering study is being paid separately by the Schools. The funds will come from the Undesignated CPC funds, which currently has a total balance of \$1,079,515. Chris Berglund moved and Mary Foley seconded a motion to endorse the article. The motion was approved by Fincom by a vote of 5-1. Ray Bricault requested that he be allowed to tell Town Meeting of the endorsement with a qualifying statement about the unusual procedure. Fincom agreed.

This completed the warrant articles. There was no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm for the Town Meeting.

Pete Murphy
Secretary, Fincom and CIB