



**Town of West Boylston**  
140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

## **Select Board/Sewer Commission Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date / Time / Location of Meeting</b> April 27, 2022; 6:00 p.m. 140 Worcester Street West Boylston, MA 01583 Board Meeting Room 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
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<b>Members Present</b> Christopher A. Rucho, Chairman Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Vice Chair Patrick J. Crowley, Clerk Kristina Pedone, Selectwoman
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<b>Members NOT Present:</b> Michael J. Kittredge III, Selectman
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<b>Invited Guests:</b> Nancy Lucier, Town Administrator
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### **Others Present:**

David Femia, Chris Berglund of Finance Committee, Ray Bricault of Finance Committee, and Chief Tom Welsh.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** This fifteen-minute period is an opportunity for the public to address their concerns and questions regarding town operations and programs to the Board. Except in urgent circumstances, any matter presented for consideration by the Board shall not be discussed in detail nor acted upon by the Board at this meeting. A scheduled time on a future agenda may be set at the Board's discretion. Complaints or criticism directed at staff, volunteers, or other town officials shall not be permitted. If we do not have Open Session items to discuss, other agenda items may be brought forward earlier.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Consider voting to approve the use of ARPA Funds for the following items:**
  - \$25,000 for hoses and nozzles for the Fire Department
  - \$20,000 for a tractor for use of the DPW
  - \$130,000 for an F550 with one-ton stainless steel dump body for the DPW
  - \$40,600 for a Toro Groundmaster mower for the DPW
  - \$101,000 for a fire alarm system for the School Department
  - \$21,000 for handicapped bathroom improvements for the School Department

***Motion** Mr. Crowley moved to approve, Ms. Pedone second.*

Mr. Rucho asked if the bathroom improvements at the school are final, Chris Berglund responded this is for one bathroom in the nurse's office. He explained this is not part of the ADA plan that is being worked on.

***All in favor***  
***Approved***

- **Review and approve the Warrant for May 16, 2022 Town Meeting:**

Ms. Lucier reviewed Article 1 through Article 5 as standard articles.

**Motion** Mr. Crowley moved to include Articles 1 through 5, Mr. Rajeshkumar second.

**All in favor**

**Approved**

Ms. Lucier reviewed and explained Article 6, Article 7 no bills to pay this year, Article 8, Article 9 is budget and the total is \$27,213,116 and will raise and appropriate \$26,969,566, she explained adding in WBPA funds \$55,550 and Ambulance Receipts Reserved \$400,000, Wachusett EMS Funds \$18,000 and \$270,000 from Free Cash. She explained Article 10 had a name change to Kitchen Food Service Manager from Kitchen Chef for the Senior Center. She stated this will be an article and if it is successful, it will be added to the budget in the future.

**Motion** Mr. Crowley moved to include Articles 6 through 10, Mr. Rajeshkumar second.

Ray Bricault asked about the addition of new staff which he believed they agreed to, Ms. Lucier stated she could not find in any meeting minutes that there would not be any new staff at the Senior Center but did find that they would allow for guest chefs at the center. Mr. Rucho recalled having discussion on the possibility of needing more staff with the new building. Mr. Crowley recalls the discussion that they would not need more staff right away but would need to be discussed in the future.

**All in favor**

**Approved**

Ms. Lucier reviewed and explained Article 11 for Elderly Service program and she increased the hourly rate up to \$13 per hour, Article 12, Article 13, and Article 14.

**Motion** Mr. Crowley moved to include Articles 11 through Article 14, Mr. Rajeshkumar second.

**All in favor**

**Approved**

Ms. Lucier reviewed and explained Article 15 is to include Juneteenth.

**Motion** Ms. Pedone moved to include Articles 15, Mr. Rajeshkumar second.

Mr. Crowley stated everyone knows where he stands on this article.

**3-1-0 Mr. Crowley was opposed.**

**Approved**

Ms. Lucier reviewed and explained Article 16 is to include the non-exempt Fire Personnel into the compensation classification plan, Chief Welsh explained the step adjustments and the need for the beginning step. Ms. Lucier reviewed and explained Article 17, Article 18 transfer \$500,000 from free cash to fund future capital projects this will then have a balance of \$1,208,004, and Article 19 to move funds to stabilization \$100,000 from free cash into stabilization and will have a balance of \$1,688,500. She explained this will be 6.02% of the budget as the policy requires only 5%. She explained the balance of free cash after all the transfers will be \$393,420. Mr. Crowley states the town is in a great place for bonding if needed and there are also good amounts in stabilization, capital and free cash.

**Motion** Mr. Crowley moved to include Articles 16 through Article 19, Mr. Rajeshkumar second.

**All in favor**

**Approved**

- **Vote to close and post the warrant**

***Motion*** Mr. Crowley moved to close and post the warrant, Ms. Pedone second.  
***All in favor***  
***Approved***

- **Assign Motions**
  - Article 1 – Mr. Rucho
  - Article 2 – Mr. Crowley
  - Article 3 – Ms. Pedone
  - Article 4 – Mr. Kittredge
  - Article 5 - Mr. Rajeshkumar
  - Article 6 - Mr. Rucho
  - Article 7 - Mr. Crowley
  - Article 8 - Ms. Pedone
  - Article 9 - Mr. Kittredge
  - Article 10 - Mr. Rajeshkumar
  - Article 11 - Mr. Crowley
  - Article 12 - Mr. Rucho
  - Article 13 - Ms. Pedone
  - Article 14 - Mr. Kittredge
  - Article 15 - Mr. Rajeshkumar
  - Article 16 - Mr. Rucho
  - Article 17 - Mr. Crowley
  - Article 18 - Ms. Pedone
  - Article 19 - Mr. Kittredge
- **Approve Town Meeting Mailer**

***Motion*** Mr. Rajeshkumar moved to approve, Mr. Crowley second.  
***All in favor***  
***Approved***

Mr. Bricault asked what the match is for the CPA currently, Mr. Crowley responded it is 35%.

***Motion*** Mr. Rajeshkumar moved to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.; Mr. Crowley second.  
***All in favor***  
***Approved***

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Faye D. Zukowski, Municipal Assistant

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Christopher A. Rucho, Chairman

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Barur R. Rajeshkumar, Vice Chairman

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Patrick J. Crowley, Clerk

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Michael J. Kittredge III, Selectman

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