

TOWN OF ROCKLAND
FINANCE COMMITTEE
February 3 ,2021

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Signing in for this virtual Finance Committee meeting of February 3, 2021 were Chairman John Pumphrey, Julie Shaffer, Bill Principe, Bill Stuart, Craig Maroney, Jeff Leafer, Joe Gambon, Sheila Mulcahy, and Lori Childs. Bob MacDonald was absent. Dan Ryan has resigned from the committee. The meeting was brought to order at 7pm. Chairman John Pumphrey read aloud a statement that the meeting was being recorded and could be reproduced.

Also signing into our virtual meeting was Town Accountant Biz Zaleski, and Town Administrator Doug Lapp. Megan Rooney was also in attendance

Doug Lapp provided an overview of the FY 22 budget as well as a detailed explanation of Enterprise Funds for the Water and Sewer Department.. Doug also gave an overview of Revenues and the State Assessment. Revenues are up for Marijuana Dispensories in town. The So. Shore VoTech budget is flat. The Massachusetts Cherry sheet showing the Chapter 70 funds is flat and very disappointing. We were hoping for Chapter 70

increase after the House Ways and Means committee votes on the matter.

The final budget figure as of this date is a \$690,461 deficit of which (\$207,138) will be a town adjustment to the budget and (\$483,323) for the school adjustment. It is anticipated that \$20,000 will be taken from the Town Meeting/Elections account, \$150,000 from the Public Safety Dispatch account and \$37,138 from the Highway Materials/Hired Equipment account.

All Town of Rockland union contracts expire on June 30, 2021. New contracts will be negotiated.

The November, 2020 Town Meeting had a reduced quorum due to covid. A Question was asked as to the upcoming town meeting and will we also have the reduced quorum.

The DOR has not arrived at the Free Cash Certification for Rockland. It is hoped that the State budget will be finalized by July 1st. The Rockland Board of Selectmen is scheduled to vote on our budget on March 16, 2021

And the Finance Committee will vote on the final budget on March 17, 2021. Biz shared that the largest hit on our town budget is in benefits. The Retirement,

Unemployment and Group Insurance accounts have the largest increases.

A motion was made by Craig Maroney to approve the minutes of October 21, 2020. Seconded by Bill Stuart and a vote of approval was unanimous.

A motion was made by Craig Maroney to approve the minutes of January 20, 2021 with corrections of misspellings. Seconded by Lori Childs and a vote of unanimous approval was made.

A motion was made by Bill Stuart to approve the minutes of December 16, 2020. Seconded by Bill Principe and a vote of approval was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn a made by Bill Principe and seconded by Bill Stuart. A vote of approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Shaffer, Secretary.