

TOWN OF ROCKLAND
FINANCE COMMITTEE
February 10 ,2021

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Signing in for this virtual Finance Committee meeting of February 10, 2021 were Chairman John Pumphrey, Julie Shaffer, Bill Principe, Bill Stuart, Craig Maroney, Jeff Leafer, Joe Gambon, Sheila Mulcahy, Magen Rooney and Lori Childs. Bob MacDonald was absent. 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, Deb Krupczak, Liza Landry, Gino Gingras and John Allen.

Assessor Deb Krupczak gave an overview of the Assessors budget. Very little new growth in town. She will not be requesting any articles at the town meeting.

Liza Landry, Town Clerk, showed level funding in the Town Clerk budget.

In the Registrar of Voters budget the only increase is for the street listing which is given to the Police, Fire and a copy is kept at Town Hall in the Clerk's office. The listing is for sale to residents for \$10.00. There will be no articles from this department at town meeting.

John Ellard, Treasurer reported a level funded budget.

The Unemployment budget has increased \$15,000 because of Covid 19 issues.

Judith Hall explained her Collector budget is level funded. Tax liens are up slightly. Regular tax collections have slowed but not as much as expected. 98% to 96%. There are no articles being submitted from this department.

Tom Hickey and Bob Mahoney signed on from South Shore VoTech to explain his budget with a slide show presentation and an overview of his goals. There is an increase on the total budget of 1.89%.

Tom is seeking support for building renovations and expansion. New roof, windows will be included along with the addition to the building. He is asking permission to borrow at the town meeting.

Biz Zaleski, Town Accountant gave an analysis of the budget. Basically, the same as prior year.

Interest on Short Term Debt account. Amount put into the budget in case we need to borrow in a hurry.

State and County Assessments has a slight increase. This account includes: Retired Group Insurance, Charter schools, Air Pollution, Mosquito control, MBTA, Regional Transit and School Choice.

Group Insurance that includes Active Group Insurance, Health Life Dental Insurance and Private Insured will have a 7% increase.

Board of Selectmen budget was explained by Doug Lapp.

Planning Board – Level Funded

Zoning Board – Level Funded

Conservation Commission – Level Funded

Town Hall – Level Funded

Town Reports – Level Funded

Utilities – General Government – Level Funded

Historical Commission – Level Funded

Liability Insurance – Increase \$1,030,000 for updated coverage.

Next Meeting of the Finance Committee is February 17, 2021

Motion made by Megan Rooney to adjourn was seconded by Joe Gambon. Vote of approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Shaffer, Secretary.