

TOWN OF ROCKLAND
FINANCE COMMITTEE
February 24, 2021

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Signing in for this virtual Finance Committee meeting of February 24, 2021 were Chairman John Pumphrey, Julie Shaffer, Bill Principe, Bill Stuart, Craig Maroney, Jeff Leafer, Joe Gambon, Meghan Rooney, Lori Childs and Bob MacDonald. Sheila Mulcahy 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, Peter Ewell, Joe Lapointe, Craig Benekke, Tom Ruble, Rich Furlong and Dave Taylor.

The Building Department budget was reviewed by Tom Ruble. Except for contractual payroll figures the budget is level funded from last year. There are no articles for Town Meeting.

Gas Inspector Budget is level funded.
Plumbing Inspector Budget is level funded.
Wiring Inspector Budget is level funded.
Weights and Measures Budget is level funded.

The Park Department Budget was reviewed by Peter Ewell and Rich Furlong. The budget is level funded from last year. There is no Articles to consider this year. His wish list is an alarm system in the garage.

The Water Department is funded by the Commissioners who sets their own budget for expenses. There are twelve articles for consideration at town meeting. These requests were discussed and reviewed last meeting and are on the Free Cash Listing.

Dave Taylor spoke about the budget for the Highway Department. Expenses are level funded except for Hired Equipment and the contractual increase in payroll.

Highway Department Articles are listed on the Free Cash Disbursement Listing.

Tree Department – Level funded from last year.

Snow and Ice Department – We are overbudget \$265,000+. Budget will be increased this year from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Storm Water Department – Level funded from last year. Flooding in town has decreased since drainpipes have been replaced.

Sewer Department has been supervised and directed by Dave Taylor while the vacancy for Superintendent is ongoing. There will be two articles for town meeting. 1. Inflow and infiltration \$100,000. 2. Pump repairs \$100,000. There are 4 pumps in town and each year one pump is repaired. 3. Study Phase and Engineering \$300,000.

Fees are going up for sewer services which is needed for capital improvements.

Biz is working on the Fire Department station repairs.

Town Clerk budget is short \$4000 for sundries for mail in ballots and election expenses.

On our March 3d meeting Doug Lapp will present updated figures on the town budget and revenue.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Stuart and seconded by Lori Childs. A vote to adjourn was unanimous.