



TOWN OF KINGSTON

Finance Committee

26 Evergreen Street

Kingston, MA 02364

October 9, 2024

Minutes

Call to Order

At 6:14pm Carl Pike opened the Finance Committee Meeting in Room 203 at the Kingston Town House.

Also present: David Fuller and Jonas Feit

Zoom: Derek Billnitzer and Debra Moran

Absent: Michael Cowett

New member Jonas Feit was welcomed.

Comments

Carl Pike noted that in accordance with the town general bylaws by November 1 of each fiscal year the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and School Committees shall meet to review the 5 year financial plan and discuss and delineate their budget parameters for the coming fiscal year. Carl personally feels considering level funding as an attempt to control increases after last year's unsustainable budget. He also noted that a Proposition 2 ½ override may not pass at the ballot.

Review Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Articles 1 and 9 through 14 do not require a vote from the Finance Committee.

#2 to approve \$9155.18 to pay for prior year bills

Motion: David Fuller

Second: Jonas Feit

Vote: 5-0-0

#3 to approve \$60,000 to pay for the design of the KES roof replacement from free cash

Motion: David Fuller

Second: Jonas Feit

Vote: 5-0-0



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#4 to approve \$173,516 to supplement the fy25 Police budget (\$67,916 training + \$105,600 OT)

Motion: Carl Pike

Second: Derek Billnitzer

Vote: 3-2-0

#5 to approve \$1,000,000 to pay for the engineering costs of a new Water Department well through borrowing.

Motion: David Fuller

Second: Jonas Feit

Vote: 5-0-0

#6 to approve a \$25,255 transfer to the fy25 employment liability reserve fund from unexpended articles.

Motion: Carl Pike

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

#7 discussion was held on 5 Capital projects but a vote was tabled until next week because not all of the projects have been voted on by the Capital Planning Committee first.

#8 to approve \$400,000 and authorize the Board of Health to continue participation in the state septic betterment loan program.

Motion: David Fuller

Second: Jonas Feit

Vote: 5-0-0

Adjourn

At 8:05pm a motion to adjourn was made by David Fuller, seconded by Jonas Feit, and passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting

October 16, 2024 at 6:00pm in room 203 and via zoom



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