



Finance Committee
Regular Meeting
03/22/23

I. Call to Order

PRESENT: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

ABSENT:

II. Minutes Approval

1. Finance Committee - Regular Meeting - Feb 21, 2023 6:00 PM

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: David Luoma
SECONDER: Mike Marden
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

2. Discussion & Voting on School Budget

1. Motion to approve line 50, Whittier Tech total \$684,480

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Thomas Ackerman
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

2. Motion to approve line 51, Pentucket Regional School District total \$11,244,488.

This total does not include the \$860,000 for a Special Article as an override.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Rob Gustison
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

3. Motion to approve line 52, Essex North total \$230,000

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Thomas Ackerman
SECONDER: Mike Marden
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

III. Special Articles

1. To approve Article 1; Lines A, B, C, D

- a. \$100,000 To appropriate funds for testing required at the former Coastal Metals site.
- b. \$100,000 To appropriate funds for the retirement costs of employees.
- c. \$5,000 To appropriate funds to help address the ongoing invasive weed issues at Lake Attitash.
- d. \$50,000 To appropriate funds for projected Snow and Ice deficit

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Ackerman
SECONDER:	Marcia Zosack
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

2. To approve Article 1; Lines E & F

- e. \$90,000 To appropriate funds for the OPEB Trust.
- f. \$40,000 To appropriate funds for the Town's Reserve Fund.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Ackerman
SECONDER:	Marcia Zosack
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

3. To approve Article 1; Lines G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O

- g. \$45,000 To appropriate funds for ADA Compliance for the Town sidewalks and other ADA needs..
- h. \$60,000 To appropriate funds for a new Police Patrol Vehicle.
- i. \$10,000 To appropriate funds for COA Office Furniture.
- j. \$30,000 To appropriate funds for Library Painting and Trim Repairs.
- k. \$175,000 To appropriate funds for repairs to the Fire Department roof.
- l. \$60,000 To appropriate funds for new equipment for the Fire Engine and Ladder.
- m. \$13,750 To appropriate the matching funds for the Fire Department Forestry Truck.
- n. \$20,000 To appropriate funds matching funds for portable radios for the Fire Department.
- o. \$50,000 To appropriate funds for the 1st year lease payment of a new John Deere Loader for the Highway Department.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Ackerman
SECONDER:	Marcia Zosack
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

4. To appropriate Article 2; \$150,000 from Water Retained Earnings for FY2023 for the following specific Capital purposes:

- a. \$30,000 To appropriate funds to purchase new water meters throughout town.
- b. \$50,000 To appropriate funds for the repairs to the gravel pack wells.
- c. \$50,000 To appropriate funds for the replacement/upgrade of existing infrastructure to meet current DEP requirements.
- d. \$20,000 To appropriate funds for a tractor.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Marden
SECONDER:	Rob Gustison
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

5. To appropriate Article 3; \$85,000 from the Wastewater Retained Earnings for FY2023 for the following specific Capital purposes:

- a. \$50,000 To appropriate funds for Sewer Plant Engineering.
- b. \$10,000 To appropriate funds to purchase new water meters throughout town.

c \$25,000 To appropriate funds for repairs/replacement of Sewer Generators and Pumps.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Ackerman
SECONDER:	Mike Marden
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

6. To appropriate Article 4; \$55,000 from Wastewater Retained Earnings for FY2023 for I&I repairs throughout town.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kenneth Tingle, Board Member
SECONDER:	Mike Marden
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

7. To amend and authorize Article 5; pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2, the Town's Revolving Funds for FY2024.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marcia Zosack
SECONDER:	Thomas Ackerman
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

8. To accept Article 7; the Wastewater Department's FY2024 Operating Budget and To accept Article 8; the Water Department's FY2024 Operating Budget.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Luoma
SECONDER:	Mike Marden
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

9. To accept Article 9; a sum of money from the Electric Light Department to be used by the Assessors to reduce the Tax Levy for FY2024 and To appropriate Article 10; \$7,400 from "Sale of Cemetery Lots" for the "care, improvement and embellishment" of said cemeteries.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Luoma
SECONDER:	Mike Marden
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

10. To raise and appropriate Article 11; \$185,000 to be used to make necessary repairs to Town roadways and To accept Article 11; the State Grant of Chapter 90 Highway Funds.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marcia Zosack
SECONDER:	Mike Marden
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

11. To raise & appropriate Article 13; \$280,000 for Solid Waste, Recycling and Disposal.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: David Luoma
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

12. To raise and appropriate Article 14; \$860,000, a portion of the PRSD Assessment, contingent upon passage of an Override vote on May 1, 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rob Gustison
SECONDER: Mike Marden
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

13. To approve Article 16; to transfer the balance of Article 2.d of the April 26,2021 Annual Town Meeting for the purchase of Neptune R900 Transciever V3 for Water Department.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kenneth Tingle, Board Member
SECONDER: Mike Marden
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

14. To approve Articles 17, 18 & 19 to authoriz the Selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease to purchase a new John Deere Loader, to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease to purchase a F350 for the Water Department, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease to purchase a Crane Truck for the Wastewater Department.

Article 17-19

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marcia Zosack
SECONDER: Kenneth Tingle, Board Member
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

15. To accept Article 6; the Town's FY2024 Omnibus Budget, per the attached breakdown. \$20,378,349.00

RESULT: APPROVED [8 TO 1]
MOVER: Rob Gustison
SECONDER: Marcia Zosack
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bevilacqua, Tingle
NAYS: Bender

IV. Omnibus Change

1. Reduce line 73 by \$90,000

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Rob Gustison
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle

2. Reduce line 8 by \$40,000 to \$0 funded through Speical Article

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Ackerman
SECONDER:	Mike Marden
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Gustison, Luoma, Ackerman, Bender, Bevilacqua, Tingle