

Town of Merrimac
Finance Committee Meeting
MARCH 9, 2020

- I. Call to Order
 - 1. Roll Call
- II. Next Meeting

Next Meeting: Prior to Town Meeting 4/27 at 6:30 PM at the Sweetsir.

- III. Reserve Fund Transfers
 - 1. Approve Reserve Fund Transfer of \$22,000 to Wastewater Building Maintenance Account.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Marden
SECONDER:	Marcia Zosack
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue
ABSENT:	Grazio, Kelly, Luoma

- 2. Approve Reserve Fund Transfer of \$17,000 to Veterans Services Benefits

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Marden
SECONDER:	Marcia Zosack
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue
ABSENT:	Grazio, Kelly, Luoma

- 3. Approve Reserve Fund Transfer of \$349 to Veterans Service Assessment

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Marden
SECONDER:	Marcia Zosack
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue
ABSENT:	Grazio, Kelly, Luoma

- IV. Omnibus Budget
 - 1. Approve Omnibus Budget General Government- Lines 1-33.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Marden
SECONDER:	Marcia Zosack
AYES:	Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue
ABSENT:	Grazio, Kelly, Luoma

- 2. Approve Public Safety- Lines 34-35

RESULT: APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Andrew Bowie
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Donaghue
NAYS: Gustison
ABSENT: Grazio, Kelly, Luoma

3. Approve Fire & Ambulance- Lines 36-39, a total of \$767,605, with approval to move funds between lines 36 & 38 at the Chiefs discession.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Marcia Zosack
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue
ABSENT: Grazio, Kelly, Luoma

4. Approve Inspectional Services, Emergency Management, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Animal Control & Parking Clerk- Lines 40-49

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marcia Zosack
SECONDER: Andrew Bowie
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue
ABSENT: Grazio, Kelly, Luoma

5. Approve Public Education Lines 50-52

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marcia Zosack
SECONDER: Mike Marden
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

6. Approve Highway, Parks and Rec, Solid Waste/Recycling/Landfill and Cemeter- Lines 53-59

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Andrew Bowie
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

7. Approve Board of Health- Lines 60-61

Eliminate funding for Board of Health Admin- Position Unfilled.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Marcia Zosack
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

8. Approve Nursing Services Salaries and Wages- Line 62

Reduce Nursing Services Town Nurse position to 5 hours per week.

RESULT: APPROVED [5 TO 1]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Rob Gustison
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
NAYS: Marden
ABSTAIN: Bowie
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

9. Approve Nursing Servies Total Other Expenditures- Line 63

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marcia Zosack
SECONDER: Mike Marden
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

10. Approve Council on Aging- Lines 64-65

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Marcia Zosack
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

11. Approve Veterans- Line 66

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Marcia Zosack
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

12. Approve Library- Lines 67-69

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Tracey Grazio
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

13. Approve Debt Service- Lines 70-71

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rob Gustison
SECONDER: Mike Marden
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

14. Approve Unclassified- Lines 72-80

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marcia Zosack
SECONDER: Mike Marden
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

15. Total OPEB- Line 81

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Marcia Zosack
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

V. Special Town Meeting Articles for Consideration

1. Recommend Article 1 for \$438,192- Amending Line C \$2,400 to move to Stabilization Line M

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Marcia Zosack
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

2. Recommend Article 2 for \$265,000 from Water Retained Earnings for specific Capital Purposes

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Tracey Grazio
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

3. Recommend Article 3 for \$230,000 from Wastewater Development Fund for specific Capital Purposes

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marcia Zosack
SECONDER: Mike Marden
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

4. Recommend Article 4 for \$37,000 from Wastewater Retained Earnings for I&I Work

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Genevieve Donaghue, Board Member
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

5. Recommend Article 5 for \$100,000 transferred from ISD Revolving to the General Fund

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Marcia Zosack
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

6. Recommend Article 6 for \$20,000 transfer from Zoning Enforcement Revolving to General Fund

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Tracey Grazio
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

7. Recommend Article 7 for \$17,762.50 transfer from Article 4 of 10/15/18 STM to Town Hall Exterior Building Repairs

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Marcia Zosack
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

8. Recommend Article 8 for \$190,000 to hire 2 additional full-time officers, contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 1/2 Override referendum question

RESULT: APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER: Tracey Grazio
SECONDER: Mike Marden
AYES: Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
NAYS: Archibald
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

9. Recommend Article 9 for \$250,000 for Town Wide roadway repairs, contingent upon the passed of Proposition 2 1/2 Override referendum question

RESULT: APPROVED [6 TO 1]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Marcia Zosack
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Donaghue, Grazio
NAYS: Gustison
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

VI. Annual Town Meeting Articles for Consideration

1. Recommend Article 1- To Accept Town's Omnibus Budget

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Marcia Zosack
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

2. Recommend Article 2- Accept Revenue and Expenditures for operation of Wastewater Department

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Tracey Grazio
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

3. Recommend Article 3- Accept Revenue and Expenditures for operation of Waste Department

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Andrew Bowie
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

4. Recommend Article 4- Accept Revenue and Expenditures for operation for Cable Television Department

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Genevieve Donaghue, Board Member
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

5. Recommend Article 5-To accept a sum of money from the Electric Light Department to be used by the Assessors to reduce the Tax Levy

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Andrew Bowie
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

6. Recommend Article 6- To appropriate \$2,800 from Sale of Cemetery Lots for the Care, Improvement and Embellishment of said cemeteries

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Andrew Bowie
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

7. Recommend Article 7- To raise and appropriate \$160,500 to be used to make necessary repairs to Town roadways

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Genevieve Donaghue, Board Member
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

8. Recommend Article 8- To accept State Grant of Chapter 90 Highway Funds

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marcia Zosack
SECONDER: Rob Gustison
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

9. Recommend Article 9- To raise and appropriate \$285,000 for Solid Waste, Recycling and Disposal

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marcia Zosack
SECONDER: Genevieve Donaghue, Board Member
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

10. Recommend Article 10- To amend and authorize, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2, the Town's Revolving Funds

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Andrew Bowie
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

11. Recommend Article 11- To appropriate \$325,000 to purchase a Fire Rescue Vehicle and authorize borrowing

RESULT: APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER: Mike Marden
SECONDER: Marcia Zosack
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Grazio
ABSTAIN: Donaghue
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma

12. Recommend Article 12- To appropriate \$197,000 to purchase a DPW Vehicle and authorize borrowing

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marcia Zosack
SECONDER: Mike Marden
AYES: Archibald, Zosack, Marden, Bowie, Gustison, Donaghue, Grazio
ABSENT: Kelly, Luoma