



Town of Harvard
Finance Committee
Minutes for March 08, 2023

The Finance Committee Regular Meeting was held virtually in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A. S.20.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

FinCom Members Present: Vikram Sampige, Jennifer Finch, Amy Morton, Eric Ward, Ethan Pride

FinCom Members Not Present: Mike Derse

Others Present: Tim Bragan (Town Administrator), Chief Sicard (Fire Dept), Chief Babu (Police Dept), Jeff Hayes

1. Chief Sicard explained the need to purchase a new cruiser using CPIC funds
 - a. This is per the replacement schedule
 - b. The new(er) car that is slated to be replaced will fetch a better price
 - c. There is a chance that another department can use the replacement car
2. Jeff Hayes explained the need to replace the electronics on the PSB elevator
 - a. The requested \$150,000 is to replace the control board. A new elevator will need about \$750,000
 - b. This is preventive (we have the option to schedule it based on company's timeline resulting in planned down time versus it being an emergency when it breaks down and unplanned down time for equipment)
3. Tim Bragan and Jared Mullane explained the need for new phone system
 - a. The cost is for a VOIP phone system that is used by the school
 - b. There are a number of phones that need replacement
4. Jared Mullane brought up the updated town budget and discussed a few updates from school
 - a. Budget Cuts were discussed to see which cuts we should keep and which to take out
 - b. There is an additional \$25,500 that can be allocated to the budget, and so a discussion on how to remove some of the cuts was done
 - c. Motion to remove some of the cuts and adjust some was made
 - i. Motion passed unanimously
5. Jared Mullane brought up the revised school budget and discussed some of the changes
 - a. Motion to appropriate 83,437 funding to schools and move the small warrant article for Munis 7,400
 - i. Motion passed unanimously
6. Tim Bragan brought up and discussed the Staff Report for Mar 7, 2023
7. Tim Bragan brought up and discussed the Staff Report for Feb 28, 2023
8. Jennifer Finch brought up the warrant book and assigning sections to everyone
 - a. Warrant book needs to be finalized latest by Mar 22nd
9. Notice and Reminders:
 - a. Next FinCom meeting 03/15/23 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Morton, Vikram Sampige