



**Town of Harvard**  
**Finance Committee**  
Minutes for Mar 31, 2021

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**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.**

**Present:** Don Ludwig (chair), Mike Derse, Richard Fellows, Jennifer Finch, Carolynn Luescher, Charles Oliver, Ethan Pride, John Seeley, Eric Ward

**Absent:**

**Others:** Tim Bragan (Town Administrator), Marie Sobalvarro (Assistant Town Administrator/HR Director), Sharlene Cronin, SusanMary Redinger

Don Ludwig (chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Minutes for approval:** Minutes from Mar 24, 2021

Approved (7 Ayes: Derse, Fellows, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward)

**Public Commentary:** None

**Meeting Business:**

Don Ludwig announced Mark Buell's resignation from the committee and introduced new associate committee member Carolynn Luescher. Mike Derse will become a voting member of the committee.

Town Administrator provided an update: further clarity on use of federal Covid relief funds is expected by mid-May.

The Committee discussed the Warrant Book resolutions in order. The table below summarizes votes:

Articles	Vote	Aye	Nay	Abstain
1. Annual Reports 2. Pay Bill of Prior Fiscal Year 3. Omnibus Budget 4. Bare Hill Pond Testing 5. Maintenance of Recreational Resources 6. Performance-based Wage Adjustments 7. DPW - Roadside Tree Maintenance	SUPPORT (7-0)	Derse, Fellows, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		

Articles	Vote	Aye	Nay	Abstain
<p>8. CPIC Recommended Expenditures (#1-6 ONLY)</p> <p>(NOTE: committee will hear presentation at 4/7 meeting that will inform further discussion of #7)</p>	SUPPORT (7-0)	Derse, Fellows, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		
<p>9. CPIC Debt Payment</p>	SUPPORT (7-0)	Derse, Fellows, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		
<p>10. Architect to Assist the Permanent Building Committee and Council of Aging</p> <p>(NOTE: motion was for approval contingent on text modification allowing use of federal funding if available)</p>	SUPPORT (5-1-1): FinCom supports the article contingent on modified text	Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward	Fellows	Derse
<p>11. Disposition of Bromfield House and Property</p> <p>(NOTE: motion was for FinCom to refrain from issuing an opinion on this article at present due to insufficient information)</p>	WITHHOLD OPINION (5-2): There is insufficient information for FinCom to provide guidance.	Fellows, Finch, Ludwig, Seeley, Ward	Derse, Oliver	
<p>12. Transfer from Certified Free Cash to Stabilization Account</p> <p>13. Transfer from Certified Free Cash to Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund</p>	SUPPORT (7-0)	Derse, Fellows, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		
<p>14. CPIC FY2022 Debt Recommendation</p> <p>(NOTE: motion was to recommend NOT SUPPORTING the article due to absence of comprehensive long term cost assessment)</p>	OPPOSE (5-0-1): FinCom does NOT recommend supporting the article	Derse, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		Finch

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19. Revolving Funds	SUPPORT (6-0)	Derse, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		
22. Acceptance of Gifts of Property 23. Acceptance of Highway Funds	SUPPORT (6-0)	Derse, Finch, Ludwig, Oliver, Seeley, Ward		

**Future agenda items:**

April 7: Final review of FinCom warrant book sections for town meeting

Presentation on Commercial District Vision Plan from Justin Brown (Chair, Planning Board) and  
Chris Ryan (Director, Community and Economic Development)

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

**Supporting documents (1 Total):** “Warrant Articles - FinCom Draft”(provides text of articles voted on  
and draft of committee recommendations)

**Upcoming meetings:**

April 7, 2021 - 7pm - Zoom link will be available on the agenda when posted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ethan Pride