

**Wellfleet Finance Committee
Virtual Zoom Meeting
Wednesday May 26, 2021; 7:00PM
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Fred Magee, Chair; Ira Wood, Sara Robin, Bob Wallace, Linda Pellegrino, Jeff Tash, Kathy Granlund; Moe Barocas.

Others Present: Karen Plantier, Committee Secretary; Tom Conrad, Mary Beth Rodman, Giovanna Venditti, Jim Hood Chair Water Commission.

Chair Magee called the meeting to order at 7:19

Announcement: Moe Barocas is now a full member of the Finance Committee. The Committee is fully staffed at 9 full time members and two alternates. Tom Conrad will be retiring after 27 years of service.

School Budgets:

Wellfleet School: Budget 2.50% increase for FY 2022.

Mary Beth Rodman talked about the Wellfleet School budget. A third-grade teacher has been added for the increase to 26 students in the third grade. Savings came through downsizing of teachers retiring, and cutback on hours, and decrease in costs on Cape Cod Collaborative.

Operating Budget for the Region: G. Venditti highlighted Regional Operating Budget included Middle School and High School overview with a budget increase of 2.50% for FY 2022. Several people are retiring and a few turn overs in staffing. Income comes from state base aid. The number of student enrollment from Truro and Provincetown shows a decrease for FY 2022.

Tom Conrad Superintendent: spoke about not much of a drop off in enrollment in FY 2022. New High School could be used as a Community Learning Center, and Adult Learning in the future. Decreasing population approximately 2% on the entire Cape. Looking to see if that is a trend and will build it into the future.

Water Commission Budget:

Jim Hood explained that the draft budget for FY22 is basically the same as FY21, no significant increases. There is a recommendation for General Fund Contribution for \$84K. FY22 installation of the new water main through center of town and housing project on Lawrence Road \$2.5M grant MASS Works, the balance \$1.3M. The work will go out to bid in FY22. The water system meters will have to be replaced and the cost will be \$145K over three years anticipated costs. Water Enterprise Fund makes up General Fund of \$84K short fall which will be voted on. There is no significant reserve fund in event of any kind of emergency. Should be looked at in the future.

Meeting schedule: Next Meeting

- June 9, 2021

Minutes

- April 28 meeting minutes **Board Member Jeff Tash moved, Board Member Linda Pellegrino seconded; and it was voted to accept the minutes as printed. 8-0**

Transfers:

- No Transfers

Liaison Reports

- No reports

Correspondence

- No correspondence

New Business

- No New Business

Committee Member Ira Wood moved, Committee Member Linda Pellegrino seconded; and it was voted to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 PM

Public Records

List: Agenda May 26, 2021, Minutes April 28, 2021, FY22 NRHS Budget, FY22 NRMS Budget, FY22 NRMS Budget Justification, FY22 Proposed Budget Wellfleet Elementary, FY22 Region Only, FY22 Region Shared Central Office Budget, FY22 Regional Operating Budget, FY22 Water Budget.