



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
SELECT BOARD

Blandford Town Hall
1 Russell Stage Road Suite 1
Blandford, MA 01008

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2023
9:30 am

The meeting opened at 9:40 am.

1. **EXAMINATION OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

a. *Examination of the Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2023*

MOTION: J. Lombardo made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2023, as written

D. Brodie Seconded

All in Favor

b. *Examination of the Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2023*

MOTION: J. Lombardo made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2023, as written

K. Green Seconded

All in Favor

2. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION / PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

3. **REPORTS – Town Administrator**

a. *Overview of Collins Center recommendations for wages and salaries and revisions to the Town Administrator's FY24 budget proposal*

Dunne is still waiting for parts of this report from the Center to enter into the FY24 budget. Dunne explained the changes recommended made by the Collins Center and the thought process involved in these wage increase recommendations.

b. *Budget Review*

The Board reviewed Dunne's budget for FY24 line by line.

c. **Review and act on Reserve Fund transfer requests**

i. *\$2,039 to Hilltown Community Ambulance Association*

Dunne explained Hilltown Ambulance has negotiated with the state. The result was that even though they are non-profit, they are still subject to this non-public ambulance trust fund assessment that the state has implemented. The formula is complex and changes year-to-year. The Finance Committee approved the transfer.

ii. \$3,000 to External IT/Computer Software

Our IT line item is always tight. This year Windows is requiring a bunch of security upgrades which we did not anticipate, and this happened mid-year. The Finance Committee approved the transfer.

The meeting concluded at 11:30 am

Janet Lombardo, Finance Chair

Absent

Kathie Hudson, Finance Member

Deborah Brodie, Finance Member

Kevin Green, Finance Member