



Town of Burlington

BURLINGTON BOARD OF FINANCE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2020

A Public Hearing conducted via Zoom Conferencing was called to order by Chairman Gerald Mullen at 7:35 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2020. Board members present were: Gerald Mullen, John Achilli, Susan Brault, Steve Carrier, Donald Desiderato, John Kirschner and Andrew Klimkoski.

2020-21 Town Budget.

Chairman Mullen presented the proposed 2020-21 Town Budget. He noted that two amounts have changed since the Budget was posted on the Town's website. The amount for Elections will increase to \$43,900 to reflect current registrar salaries. The cost of education will be \$27.217 million to reflect the Region 10 school budget adopted by the board of education on May 4th and payments due from the Town. He then highlighted some of the year-over-year changes in each of the operating budget categories. The BVFD will be moving a part-time office assistant to full-time to help with department paperwork. Health insurance has increased as more employees and their family members have come onto the plan. A recent assessment of Town bridges was completed. Approximately \$2.85 million is needed in the next few years to replace two bridges and refurbish three others. At this time, there is no assumption any State aid will be received. The Combined affect will equate to around a 3/10ths of a mil increase. Following the presentation, Chairman Mullen opened the floor to questions.

- He read into record an email comment submitted by Thomas Finan, member of the Conservation Commission, asking that the \$0 amount budgeted for the Town's land purchase fund be increased to \$15,000. Following reading the email comment, Chairman Mullen noted the earlier point of cutting Town operating costs to offset the new bridge funding priorities as a reason the Board would not entertain an increase to this budget line at this time.

Following the question and answer period, Chairman Mullen asked if there were any further questions or concerns. First Selectman Shafer noted that the Town Budget will be voted upon on June 2nd by the Board of Finance in lieu of a Town vote, based on authority granted by the board of selectmen pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 7I. There being no further questions or concerns, on a motion made and seconded by Klimkoski/Brault, the motion unanimously passed to adjourn the public hearing at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Klimkoski

Andrew Klimkoski, Secretary