



Town of Burlington

BURLINGTON BOARD OF FINANCE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Gerald Mullen at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Board members present were: Anthony DiNicola, Gerald Mullen, Susan Brault, John Achilli, John Kirschner and Andrew Klimkoski.

Budget Presentation: Chairman DiNicola presented the proposed 2019-20 Town Budget. Material differences compared to the current fiscal year's budget were noted. The biggest impact is related to education. Projected State Education Cost Sharing revenue is projected to be less and recently passed Region 10 Budget will raise costs by approximately 3.0%. Combined affect will equate to around a 1.0 mil increase. Also noted was disposal of recyclable materials which will shift from a revenue generator to a new \$85,000 expense. Following the presentation, Chairman DiNicola opened the floor to questions.

- Donna Rusgrove, a Town Registrar, advocated for an increase to the Registrar's proposed budget.
- Douglas Thompson expressed concern that the move to pay Registrars a stipend as opposed to current hourly rate will negatively impact Town elections. It was noted that stipend is to cover office duties and a separate budget for "elections" covers Registrars and workers on primary and election days.
- Roger Powell inquired on the reduction to Registrar's budget; assumptions for non-union compensation; and, asked for a detailed breakdown of all capital expenses. Board member Mullen gave a detailed listing and explanation of all budgeted capital expenses for each department. Use of special reserves established for Police from private duty funds and future BVFD apparatuses were also discussed.
- Sandy Mazeau asked if the projected State ECS revenue may change. State has not finalized a its budget. Revenue is based on best available information at this time and may end up being more or less.
- James Chard noted that the Board of Selectmen should receive a draft of the budget before it goes to the Board of Finance.

Chairman DiNicola asked if there were any further questions or concerns. The Town Budget will be voted on at a Town Meeting to be held on June 4, 2019. There being no further questions or concerns, on a motion made and seconded by Mullen/Kirschner, the motion unanimously passed to adjourn the public hearing at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Klimkoski, Secretary