

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023
4pm -Clark Room Carlisle Town Hall + Teleconference (hybrid)

Attendee:

Lynne Lipinsky
James Catacchio
Aaron D'Elia
Heidi Sjoberg
Scott Triola
Victor Liang

Other:

Ryan McLane
Kimberly Kane
Barney Arnold
Kate Reid

1. Meeting Rollcall

A meeting with the Town of Carlisle's Finance Committee was conducted via Teleconference and in person, attendance individually was taken.

2. FY24 Budget review Kick-off

This was the first meeting of the FY24 annual departmental budget presentations. Departments each discussed material budget changes and proposed warrant articles.

Fire Department: presenter Chief Bryan Sorrows

Chief Sorrows indicated the budget is largely in line with prior year and highlighted two material items including increased training costs and the need to replace hoses. He also discussed future capital needs for fire trucks.

Police: presenter Chief Kenneth Fong

Chief Fong provided an overview of the budget as well as additional detailed staffing expenses. We also discussed a capital request for two replacement vehicles.

Dispatch/communications: presenters Chief Fong & Chief Sorrows

The department provided an overview of the budget and highlighted the need for generator maintenance. They also discussed the communications contract.

Board of Health: presenters Linda Fantasia, Cathy Galligan, Tony Mariano

The BoH team provided an overview of the FY24 budget. We also discussed unknowns related to the need to license private waste haulers.

Planning Board: presenters Julie Mercier, Joseph Gushue, Madeline Blake, Court Herschelman

The Planning Board team discussed the proposed budget and possible future needs related to GIS.

Library: presenters Martha Feeney-Patten, Christine Stevens

Martha Feeney-Patten reviewed Library slide show, highlighting statistics related to employees, library usage, and budget.

Conservation Commission: presenters Sylvia Willard, Alex Parra

Sylvia Willard and Alex Parra discussed the proposed budget. We also discussed requested warrant articles related to dam repairs at the cranberry bog as well as barn removal and treatment of knotweed at Greenough.

Recreation Commission: presenters Scott Jamison, Holly Mansfield

Scott Jamison and Holly Mansfield discussed the budget request and upcoming projects related to Banta Davis and Spaulding Field.

Carlisle Public School: presenters Jim O'Shea, Jack Huntress

Jim O'Shea reviewed a presentation of the budget and various school statistics. We also discussed Kindergarten fees, staffing levels, vocational school interest, and various capital needs for repairs.

3. Next Meeting and Motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn was made by James Catacchio, Scott Triola seconded. Roll call with unanimous approval. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Heidi Sjoberg recorded the minutes for the meeting.

January 30, 2023, FinCom unanimously approved the minutes. Roll call was taken and approved by James Catacchio, Victor Liang, Lynne Lipinsky, Melissa McMorrow, Heidi Sjoberg, Scott Triola