MILFORD **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**APRIL 12, 2023**

PRESENT: Al Correia (Chair), Jerry Hiatt, Brant Hornberger, Carly Kearnan, Andy Lizotte, Joyce, Lavigne, David Levine, Chris Morin, Mike Nicholson, Mitch Ruscitti, and Vinny Valastro.

Present by Remote: Charles Miklosovich

Members not present: Bob DeVita, John Tennaro and Peter Wish.

Also present: Tom Brown, Town Accountant; Zachary Taylor, Finance Director; Rick Villani, Town Administrator; Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

David Levine moved to approve the 3-23-2023 Minutes, seconded by Carly Kearnan, all in favor. 1 abstained, Jerry Hiatt. Roll Call.

Mike Nicholson reported on the Blackstone Valley Regional School’s Article 22 to raise and appropriate $50,000 for the purpose of undertaking activities necessary for capital projects. Mike Nicholson moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Vinny Valastro, 10 in favor, 2 abstained, Jerry Hiatt and Brant Hornberger. Roll Call.

#146 - Tax Collector: $281,283, a 7% increase-Step related. Mitch Ruscitti moved to accept the Tax Collector’s budget, increase of 7%, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. Roll Call

#122 – Select Board: $394,603, a 78% increase-Assistant Town Administrator. Vinny Valastro moved to accept the Select Board’s budget, an increase of 78%, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor. Roll Call.

#141 – Assessors: $448.626, a 2% increase. David Levine moved to accept the Assessor’s budget, an increase of 2%, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call.

#151- Legal Dept.: $190,997, a 26% decrease. David Levine moved to accept the Legal Department’s budget, a decrease of 26%, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call.

#152 – Personnel Board: $6835, a 3% increase. Chris Morin moved to accept the Personnel Board’s budget, a 3% increase, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor.

#162 – Elections: $114,752, a 2% increase. Chris Morin moved to accept the Elections budget, a 2% increase, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor.

#163 – Registrations: $20,543, a 3% increase. Chris Morin moved to accept the Registrations budget, a 3% increase, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor.

#299 – Insect Control: $3797, a 3% increase. Brant Hornberger moved to accept the Insect Control budget, a 3% increase, seconded by Chris Morin, all in favor.

#423 – Snow and Ice Removal: $60,000, no increase. Chris Morin moved to accept the Snow and Ice Removal budget, no increase, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor.

#423 -Transfer Station: $226,005, a 3% increase. Mitch Ruscitti moved to accept the Transfer Station budget, a 3% increase, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor.

#510 – Health Department: $401,176, a 6% increase. Mike Nicholson moved to accept the Health Department budget, a 6% increase, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

#528 – Inspector of Animals: $2807, a 3% increase. Chris Morin moved to accept the Inspector of Animals budget, a 3% increase, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor. Roll Call

#541 – Council on Aging: $379,982, a -1% decrease. Chris Morin moved to accept the Council on Aging budget, a -1% decrease, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor. Roll Call

#610 – Library: $1,455,926, a 2% increase. Mitch Ruscitti moved to accept the Library budget, a 2% increase, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor. Roll Call

#650 – Parks Department: $858,315, a 4% increase. Andy Lizotte moved to accept the Parks Department budget, a 4% increase, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

#914 – Employee Health Insurance: $15,860,000, no increase. Carly Kearnan moved to accept the Employee Health Insurance budget, seconded by David Levine, all in favor. Roll Call.

#161 – Town Clerk: $296,376, a 17% increase. Mitch Ruscitti moved to accept the Town Clerk’s budget, a 17% increase, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

#240 – Inspections: $523,855, a 7.1% increase. Dave Levine moved to accept the Inspections budget, a 7.1% increase, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor. Roll Call

#351 – Norfolk Aggie School: $410,000, a 9% increase. Mitch Ruscitti moved to accept the Norfolk Aggie School budget, a 9% increase, seconded by David Levine, all in favor. Roll Call

#352 – Schools Medicaid Recovery: $35,000, a 17% increase. Mitch Ruscitti moved to accept the Schools Medicaid Recovery budget, a 17% increase, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

#425 – On Street Parking: $472,807, 5.5% increase. Mitch Ruscitti moved to accept the On Street Parking budget, a 5.5% increase, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

#431 – Waste Collection: $2,681,761, 5% increase. Brant Hornberger moved to accept the Waste Collection budget, a 5% increase, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor. Roll Call

#491 – Vernon Grove Cemetery: $217,158, 8% increase. Dave Levine moved to accept the Vernon Grove Cemetery budget, a 5% increase, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor. Roll Call.

#542 – Youth Center: $255,305, 11% increase, additional staff member. Mitch Ruscitti moved to accept the Youth Center budget, an 11% increase, seconded by David Levine, all in favor. Roll Call

#300 – School: Will be asked to come in.

#421 – Highway: $2,745,120, 8.3% increase. Andy Lizotte moved to accept the Highway budget, an 8.3% increase, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor. Roll Call

#422 - Highway Construction Maintenance: $1,144,960, 5.1% increase. Andy Lizotte moved to accept the Highway Construction Maintenance budget, a 5.1% increase, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, 11 in favor, 1 abstained, Jerry Hiatt. Roll Call

#450 – Water Company: $8,363,141, a 14% increase. Chris Morin moved to accept the Water Company budget, a 14% increase, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor. Roll Call

#195 – Town Report: $4500, no increase. Joyce Lavigne moved to accept the Town Report budget, seconded by Carly Kearnan, all in favor. Roll Call

#194 – Other Insurance: $35,000, 180% increase. Chris Morin moved to accept the Other Insurance budget, a 180% increase, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor. Roll Call

#174 – Town Planner: $132,019, a 6% increase. Chris Morin moved to accept the Town Planner budget, a 6% increase, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor. Roll Call

#175 – Planning Board: $21,219, 3% increase. Chris Morin moved to accept the Planning Board budget, a 3% increase, seconded by itch Ruscitti, all in favor. Roll Call

#114 – Moderator: $2784. Chris Morin moved to accept the Moderator budget, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor. Roll Call

#131 – Finance Committee: $39,598. Chris Morin moved to accept the Finance Committee budget, seconded by Carly Kearnan, all in favor. Roll Call

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#132 – Finance Committee Reserve Fund: $125,000, no increase. Chris Morin moved to accept the Finance Committee Reserve Fund, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor. Roll Call

8:30 p.m. Mitch Ruscitti moved to suspend the regular meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss the IT budget, seconded by Chris Morin, and then return to the regular meeting, all in favor. Roll Call

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Re-entered regular meeting: Meeting called to order at 9:00 p.m.

#155 – IT Budget: $691,978, a 98% increase. Jerry Hiatt moved to accept the IT budget, a 98% increase, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. 1 abstained, Charles Miklosovich. Roll Call. Jerry Hiatt moved to amend #155 the IT Budget, seconded by Carly Kearnan, all in favor. Roll Call

Articles to be discussed:

Article #1 Article #13 – yes Article #25 - no

Article #2 Salary Article #14 –yes Article #26 yes

Article #3 Election Article #15 –yes Article #27 - yes

Article #4 Article #16 –Select Bd Article #28 -yes

Article #5 Article #17 - Article #29 - yes

Article # 6 – no Article #18 - yes

Article #7 – School - no Article #19 - no

Article #8 – no Article #20 - yes

Article #9 – Fire Article #21 - yes

Article #10 – Maybe pass over Article #22 - no

Article #11 – yes Article #23 -

Article 12 – yes Article #24 – no

Mitch Ruscitti moved to adjourn, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearns

Documents reviewed: Town Meeting Warrant