

REHOBOTH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- X Colleen Simpson-Chairman (CS)
- NP Michael Fleming-Vice Chair (MF)
- X Susan McBride-Clerk (SM)
- X Steve Evans (SE)
- X Bob Gagnon (RG)

Submitted by: Sue McBride

Meeting Date:
Approval Date:
 Location: Town Hall
 Senior Center



04-19-2022
 S.B.S.D.

(Signature)

NP= not present

Zoom Meeting
 AB - abstain from vote

Motion Vote

	BY	2ND	CS	MF	SM	SE	BOB	TIME
Call Meeting to Order								07:11:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance								07:12:00 PM
Motion to accept the 03-29-22 meeting minutes	RG	SE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	07:13:00 PM
We began discussing changes to the Town Budget								07:14:00 PM

Elections amount changed to green, since we are expecting 3 scheduled town meetings with an August extra town meeting and we may need an extra session at our May meeting.

Comp Buyout we will leave alone for now—need more info Town Treasurer—leaving at \$1,750 since that amount has already been spent this year.

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At this point we have to make up a deficit of \$319,000. Colleen pointed out we had three options-- Make more reductions to the Town budget, Make reductions to the DRRSC budget, or use our Free Cash.

We also had to add \$29,650 to the police expense Purchased Services line for an annual license and film storage fee for the new body cameras. We decided to leave the Court Time line alone for now.

At this point in the meeting we decided to look at the Draft warrant articles to determine what other expenses there may be.

Starting with the Consent Agenda

Motion	2 nd	CS	MF	SM	SE	RG	07:35:00 PM
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Article #1 - Surplus auction authorization
Recommend Approval

SM	SE	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	
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Article #2—Pay Bills from a prior year
\$9,458.69 and \$761.07

SM	SE	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	
SM	RG	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	

Recommend Approval

Source of Funds—Free Cash

Article #3—Set salaries +Compensation
of elected officials. The Town Clerk salary and

Selectmen compensation uncertain. Hold for now.

Article #4—Bond Anticipation Note payment for
340 Anawan St.

Recommend Approval

Source of Funds—Solar Cannabis Revenue Fund

Article #5—BOH transfer offset receipts

Recommend Approval

Article #6-Authorize revol.accts expenditures

Recommend Approval

Article #9—Appropriate funds from the network
transportation reserve receipt fund (NTRR).

Recommend Approval

SE RG Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Next we started to discuss the rest of the articles
needing Finance Committee recommendations.

RG SM Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

SM RG Yes

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

07:48:00 PM

Article # 14—Town Budget recommendation—Hold for now.

Article #15—DRRSD Budget recommendation—Hold.

Article #16—Bristol/Plymouth Budget recommendation

Vote taken for this amount to be \$2,393,988

Recommend Approval

Source of Funds—Taxation

Article #17—Bristol Agri HS Budget recommendation

Hold for now. Need their assessment.

RG

SE

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

RG

SE

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

07:49:00 PM

Article #18—Replenish our stabilization fund—no \$ amt.
Article #19—Fiscal Year Capital Budget

We are questioning the \$ amt for the lawn mower by the Hwy dept and also the number of police cruisers. Sue will check into this.

Article #20—DRRHS capital budget—Hold until we talk to Mike.

Article #21—Establish Stabilization Fund for Education Hold until we have more information.

Article #22—General By-Laws Amendment—Need \$ amt—authorization of Police revolv accts.--on Hold.

Article #23—Wording for Bldg Dept Revolving Acct Hold

Article #24—Solar farm Pilot agreement-297 Winthrop St.

On hold-maybe give recommendation on TM floor

Article #25—Creation of Stabilization Fund for Affordable Housing

Recommend Approval

Article #33—Transfer control of several parks in town to the Rehoboth Conservation Commission

On hold-we need more answers

Article #36—Acceptance of 22nd H Brave Act

This is a tax exemption for surviving parents/guardians of fallen soldiers. We need more info-Hold

SM SE Yes Yes Yes

08:35:00 PM

At this point Colleen said that we could not fund all of the workbook and capital requests, even if we used all of the town's available free cash. We would have to make reductions somewhere. Our next meeting is tomorrow night, the 20th, at 7:00 PM. She said she will also schedule meetings for April 27th, May 4th and May 11th in case we need them.

Motion to adjourn:

SM SE Unanimous Aye