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*By Darlene Brady at 10:31 am, Apr 24, 2023*

Board of Finance Regular Meeting

Wednesday April 12, 2023 6:00 pm

**Present-** Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick, Fran Goodsell, Tegan Gawel, Jason Wright, Rufus deRham, Casey Cogut

**Public and Invited Guests-** Jean Speck, Barbara Herbst, Scott Trabucco, members of the public

**Zoom-** members of the public

Chairman Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Acceptance of Agenda- Motion by Mr Wright, seconded by Ms Goodsell to accept the agenda** Motion approved unanimously

**Approval of Minutes- Motion by Mr Wright, seconded by Mr Cogut accept the minutes of the March 22, 2023 meeting.** Motion approved unanimously.

**Correspondence-** email from Thomas Ryan read  
attached

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **2021-2022 Annual Report Update-** report has been completed. Copies sent to board members. Ms Donzella will send a copy to Town Clerk to be posted on the website
- b. **Capital Appropriation Guidelines-** discussed the draft policy with edited corrections. **Motion by Mr deRham, seconded by Mr Wright to approve the Capital Appropriation Guidelines.** Motion approved unanimously
- c. **FY2024 Budget-**discussion

**Comments of Public and Invited Guests-**

- a. Lynn Harrington-commented she would rather see money spent on the Swift House than a splash pad
- b. Ellen Gutierrez-commented on the mill rates

**Motion to adjourn by Mr deRham at 6:46**

Next meeting- April 19, 2023 @ 6 pm

*Minutes are not considered final until approved. Please check the ensuing meeting minutes for corrections/changes.*

Bonnie Donzella  
Board Clerk

# Correspondence for April 12 BOF Special Meeting



**Thomas Ryan**  
<ryjoth@gmail.com>

Apr 12, 2023,  
3:12 PM (6 days  
ago)

to nodeawyrick,  
me, Scott

Dear Members of the Board of Finance,

As you make your decisions regarding the budget, particularly the Board of Education budget, I think it is important to remind you of the wishes of the people of this town, especially as expressed in election results. The candidates we support in elections are our best way for demonstrating our priorities. In his run for the Board of Education, Scott Trabucco received 58% of the vote. It is a budget prepared by the Board he leads that is in question here and this budget unanimously passed that Board. Of the Board of Finance members who have faced elections, those members expressing satisfaction and sympathy with the current BOE budget are the same candidates who received over 50% of the vote, including, in one case, winning a rare, contested election. Meanwhile, those members of the Board of Finance who seem most eager to cut the budget of the Board of Education have never garnered more than 50% in a BOF election. These results should make clear the desires and priorities of our town. We are a town where the majority of the people want to help each other out and are willing to make sacrifices to do so. We are a town where the majority of the people want to do right by our children. We are a town that recently voted to spend extra money improving our access to emergency services, with an eye toward taking care of our older population (even though we might not yet be members of it). Our town has expressed its values in election after election. Those repeatedly expressed values should be acknowledged and acted upon in this budgetary process.

Sincerely,

Tom Ryan