

**TOWN OF ROWLEY  
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of Meeting June 12, 2018  
Rowley Town Hall**

**Members Present:** Lawrence White, Chairman, Sharon Emery, Vice Chairman, Peter Censullo, Paul Jalbert, Dennis Roy and Theresa Coffey, Recording Secretary

**Others Present:** Deborah Eagan, Town Administrator; David Petersen, Selectman; Bernie Cullen, Water Commissioner

1. Call to Order - Larry White, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm with a quorum present.

2. FY18 MGL Ch. 44 § 33B(b) Budget Transfers

1) Transfer funds from Assistant Town Accountant Wages to Accounting Department Expenses – *Emery moved to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$500 from Assistant Town Accountant Wages to Town Accountant Expenses. Jalbert seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.*

2) Transfer funds from Inspection Department Expenses to Inspection Department Salaries – *Roy moved to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$210 from Inspection Dept. Expenses to Inspection Dept. Salaries. Emery seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.*

3) Transfer funds from Litigation to Parks and Recreation Committee Field Expenses – Eagan and Petersen explained that this transfer request was submitted as an urgent request for work to be done on an irrigation well pump at Eiras Park. This request has not yet been signed by the BOS. *Jalbert moved to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$6,000 from Litigation to Field Maintenance. Emery seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.*

3. Review and Discuss June 18, 2018 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Article 1 – no action required.

Article 2 – Emery stated she will abstain from the vote. Jalbert questioned the reduction in tree department expenses, noting that tree work is a necessity. Petersen agreed and reminded the Committee that \$50,000 was appropriated at the April 2018 STM for tree work. A lengthy discussion ensued on the Triton budget process with members expressing their continuing concern that the Town does not have any input into the school budget before the assessments are determined. White questioned at what point would the school committee acknowledge the voters and democracy when they vote “no” on a school override.

Petersen stated that they BOS and FinCom members have attended all budget meetings and have taken advantage of every opportunity to address the school committee on budget matters. However, none of their issues and concerns are taken into consideration when the school committee builds and finalizes the school budget.

*Jalbert moved to recommend Article 2 as is. Censullo seconded. Emery abstained. The vote was 3 in favor (Jalbert, Censullo, Roy) and 1 not in favor (White).*

*Article 3 – Emery moved that the Finance Committee recommend Article 3. Roy seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.*

*Article 4 – Emery moved that the Finance Committee recommend Article 4. Jalbert seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.*

*Article 5 – Emery moved that the Finance Committee recommend Article 5. Jalbert seconded. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 not in favor (Roy).*

4. Next Meeting – The next meeting was set for July 10, 2018 at 7:15 pm.

5. Adjournment - Emery moved to adjourn. Jalbert seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Coffey  
Finance Committee Secretary

Documents used at or for the meeting:

Agenda, June 12, 2018

Budget Transfer Requests

- Transfer funds from Assistant Town Accountant Wages to Accounting Department Expenses
- Transfer funds from Inspection Department Expenses to Inspection Department Salaries
- Transfer funds from Litigation to Parks and Recreation Committee Field Expenses

Special Town Meeting Warrant for June 18, 2018