

Town of Andover
Board of Finance
Wednesday, April 21st 2021 at 7:00 P.M.
Virtual via Zoom Platform

Board of Finance - Town Budget Public Hearing Minutes

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Marc Brinker called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Members: Chair Marc Brinker, Vice Chair Diane Choquette, Louise Goodwin, Linda Fish, Curt Dowling, Rob England, David Hewett.

Town Administrator: Eric Anderson, Board Clerk/Administrative Assistant: Amanda Gibson

Board of Selectmen: Scott Person, Paula King, Jeff Murray.

Finance Director: Sherry Holmes

Andover Elementary School Superintendent: Valerie Bruneau

Public Present: Wally Barton, Dianne Grenier, Georgette Conrad, Joanne Hebert, Cathy Palazzi, Mike Palazzi, Gerard Crème, Ann Crème, Elaine Buchardt, Lynn Dove, Cindy Murray, Leigh Ann Hutchinson, Ellen Repay, Jed Larson, Cathy Desrosiers.

2. Introduction

Marc Brinker introduced the budget process.

3. Presentation of the Proposed Budget

Eric Anderson and Marc Brinker gave a presentation on the budget including but not limited to the following: Budget History, AES/RHAM Budgets, Town Operating Budget, Town Capital Budget, Budget Summary, Mil Rate Calculation, etc. The presentation is available on the town website budget page.

4. Public Hearing for residents to provide input on Fiscal Year 2021-22 Proposed Town Budget.

Jed Larson expressed concern for decrease in capital budget and increase in AES budget.

Gerry Crème thanked the Board of Finance and for their best interest in the community.

Cathy and Mike Palazzi thanked the Board of Finance.

Elaine Buchardt expressed concern for lack of support for business growth and sustainable practices. Thanked the Board of Finance.

Cathy Desrosiers thanked the Board of Finance. Expressed concern for increase in AES budget and lack of funding for road infrastructure, suggesting the town bonds in the future for capital projects.

Ellen Repay shared she attended the meeting to make informed budget decision. Thanked the Board of Finance.

Leigh Ann Hutchinson expressed concerns for decrease in snow removal budget. Marc Brinker stated that if needed, the snow removal funds would be taken from the contingency fund.

Joanne Hebert shared concern that the large increase will not pass and suggested the AES budget be reduced.

Marcie Miner suggested the AES budget use more transparency.

Georgette Conrad reiterated Cathy Desrosiers' comments regarding the town to bond for capital projects.

Amanda Gibson thanked the Board of Finance as the community appreciates their hard work and consideration, and thanked Chair Marc Brinker for hosting very professional and informative meetings.

Rob England stated that the town's fund balance will not be available next year, and the Board of Finance had to take this into consideration for this fiscal year budget and the future.

Marc Brinker thanked everyone for their participation.

5. Adjournment

Rob England MOVED to adjourn the public hearing.

Curt Dowling SECONDED

MOTION CARRIED 7:0:0

Marc Brinker adjourned the Town Budget Public Hearing at 8:20 P.M.

Visit the town website at www.andoverct.org to view the [FY 2021-22 Proposed Town Budget](#) information page.

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Helpfully submitted by the Board Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Amanda Gibson. *Amanda Gibson*

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