

**TOWN OF BERKLEY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairman, Joe Freitas. Secretary, Michele Hamilton. Members, Nancy Gajoli, Melinda Paine-Dupont.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chairman Joe Freitas.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2019 and unanimously approved.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2019 and unanimously approved.

Updated Cherry Sheet after Budget passed at Annual Town Meeting

Revenue:

State Aid Chapter 70: Was \$3,996,028. Up \$4,003,448. Difference of \$7,420.

State Owned Land: Was \$29,674. Up \$31,038. Difference of \$8,794.

School Choice: Was \$508,202. Up \$22,439. Difference of \$22,439.

Total increase in revenue is \$38,653.

Backcharges:

School Choice: Was \$508,202. Up \$521,847. Difference of \$13,645

School Sending: Was \$43,572. UP \$55,765. Difference of \$12,193.

Total increase in backcharges is: \$25,838.

Discussion regarding the increase of roughly \$12,000 for School Choice and a couple of options to pay the difference. These options include transferring of funds, coming out of the taxpayers revenue and reaching out to the Berkley Community School. It was decided to have Chairman Joe Freitas to research options and present to the committee the best option.

Town of Berkley Planning Board request:

A letter dated 8-26-2019, requesting funds of \$25,000 to discuss updating zoning bylaws, which Chairman Joe Freitas read into the record.

Stephen Castellina of the Planning Board was acknowledged by Chairman Joe Freitas to expand on the request. After some discussion, a motion was made and seconded to table the

request after options to be looked into, such as revolving accounts and a discussion with department heads. Unanimously approved by the committee.

Other business:

Chairman Joe Freitas provided the committee members a copy of the Town of Berkley 2019 Annual Town Meeting document to be presented for the town records. After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve. Unanimously approved by the committee.

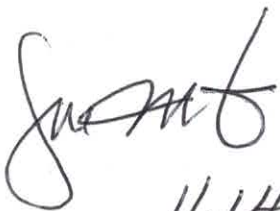
Motion was made and seconded to approve the payment of \$180.00 in dues for the Finance Committee. Unanimously approved.

Discussion on MMA Conference being held on October 26, 2019 at Bridgewater State University. Start time 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. At this time all members have indicated they would attend.

Discussion on fiscal year 2021 budget schedule. Hand out of last year's calendar for review; maintaining meetings on Monday evenings, starting at 6:00 pm; and reports we would like to have on a regular basis. Chairman Joe Freitas requested a letter to be written to the town administrator requesting reports. (Manager, encumbered accounts, transfers, year ending, capital expenses, and grants awarded/pending).

Michele Hamilton brought up the need for the library needing painting inside. Wondering if they had any funds remaining from the capital funding received at June Town of Berkley meeting, could it be used towards the painting or does it have to come back to the town and be reallocated. It is believed that the library doesn't have any funds remaining.

Chairman Joe Freitas called for a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Motion made and seconded. The committee unanimously approved the adjournment.



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