

**TOWN OF BERKLEY
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

MONDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2019

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Joe Freitas, Secretary Michele Hamilton, Nancy Gajoli, Melinda Paine-Dupont.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Joe Freitas.

A motion was made to review and discuss Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of February 11th, 2019 for approval. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of February 11th as written.

The selectmen's meeting held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, Robert Rose of the Highway Department explained the need for additional funds for the remaining winter season. They diminished the snow account of \$70,000.00 and would need the additional \$50,000.00 funds for materials needed.

Chairman Joe Freitas brought this to the Finance Committee members that the Town Selectman voted to approve a transfer of \$50,000.00, to come out of free cash, to the Berkley Highway Department for additional materials needed for the winter season.

Also, all the accounts that have budgets under the town administrator have been turned in and they are waiting on the elected officials budgets to come in. We hope to have the operating budget completed by the first week of March.

Several discussion related to the K-8 school budget. It was brought to our attention by Treasure, Wendy Cochran, based on last year's rates, the insurance for the schools is \$820,000.00. This figure may go down.

School choice funding of \$508,202.00 we would like more specifics as to where the monies is distributed.

Included in our discussion was the Capital Improvement projects requested by the school and we are interested in what has been done, especially the lighting project for the community school. Also, the status of the fuel contract.

Chairman Joe Freitas requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion was made and seconded. The committee voted unanimously to adjourn.

Nancy B Gajoli
Melinda Paine-Dupont
Michele Hamilton
Joe Freitas