

Town of Hudson Finance Committee
Town Hall
78 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749

Minutes of the Meeting of October 20, 2020

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom, <https://zoom.us>. The meeting was publicly posted. It was held in conformance with the Governor's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, suspending provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20, which require meetings to be held in a public location.

Members present: Rob Clark, chair; Guy Beaudette; Sam Calandra; Andy Horvitz; JAndy Massa; Shawn Sadowski; Claudinor Salomão; and Steven C. Sharek, vice-chair.

Also present: Tom Moses, Executive Assistant; and Kelli Calo, Director of Public and Community Health.

The chair called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of June 16, 2020

Mr. Calandra made a motion to amend the draft Minutes of June 16, 2020, by striking one sentence pertaining to a reduction in the School Department budget. Seconded by Mr. Sadowski. By roll call, the Committee voted 7-0 in favor. (Mr. Massa had not yet arrived at the meeting.)

Mr. Sadowski then made a motion to approve the Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Calandra. By roll call, the Committee voted 7-0 in favor. (Mr. Massa had not yet arrived at the meeting.)

Mr. Massa arrived at the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes of July 14, 2020

Mr. Horvitz made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 14, 2020, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Sadowski. By roll call, the Committee voted 6-0 in favor. There were two abstentions (Mr. Beaudette and Mr. Salomão).

7:14 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2020

Mr. Sadowski made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 7, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Beaudette. By roll call, the Finance Committee voted 7-0 to approve. There was one abstention (Mr. Sharek).

7:15 p.m.

Reserve Fund Request – Funding of Board of Health Contact Tracer

Mr. Moses asked the Committee to approve a Reserve Fund transfer in the amount of \$36,400 to fund the temporary position of contact tracer for coronavirus cases. He said the Board of Selectmen approved creation of the position at its meeting on October 19, 2020. He explained that the position would be overseen by the Board of Health. The town would also seek funds for the position through a \$20,000 grant and reimbursement from the federal CARES Act.

Ms. Calo said the town was in “dire need” of the position. She said the person would be responsible for daily coronavirus reporting to the state. She said the Town was hoping to hire someone who was bilingual or trilingual.

In response to questions from members of the Committee, Mr. Moses indicated the job would pay about \$60,000 per year and the person hired would work 37½ hours per week. Ms. Calo said the contact tracer would need to work a flexible schedule because of the nature of the job.

Mr. Sadowski made a motion to approve a transfer from the Reserve Fund of up to \$36,400. Seconded by Mr. Salomão). By roll call, the Finance Committee voted 8-0 in favor in the Reserve Fund transfer.

7:35 p.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Sadowski made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Beaudette. By a roll call vote, the Finance Committee voted 7-0 to adjourn. (Mr. Horvitz left the just prior to the vote.)

Minutes prepared by Steven C. Sharek