



**Town of Harvard
Finance Committee**
Minutes for September 15, 2021

The Finance Committee Regular Meeting was held virtually in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c.30A. S.20.

Present: Jennifer Finch(chair), Mike Derse, Richard Fellows, Don Ludwig, Charles Oliver, Ethan Pride, Eric Ward

Others: Tim Bragan (Town Administrator), Chief Richard Sicard (Harvard Fire Department), Guy Oliva (COA)

Minutes for approval:

Public Commentary: None

Met with Chief Richard Sicard. Chief Sicard shared with FinCom that the Town of Harvard was awarded a grant of \$762,000 to replace a fire truck. To replace the truck an additional \$900,000 would need to be funded. To receive the grant the additional funds must be secured. The Select Board was in support of the additional funds for the replacement fire trucks.

Guy Oliva shared an update on a building on Ayer Road that the COA is considering as a potential replacement for the Hildreth House. The combined project of purchase and renovation of the building would be \$2,250,000. Select Board approved the purchase of the building versus a lease.

Discussion with Tim Bragan and preparation for All Boards meeting.

Tim Bragan shared an update about the town well. There was a discussion about borrowing for the COA project as well as the fire truck. Other issues discussed were the rising cost of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and healthcare costs.

There were no items that required a vote.

Upcoming meetings: September 29, 2021 - 7pm - Zoom link will be available on the agenda when posted.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolynn Luescher