



Town of Harvard
Finance Committee
Minutes for November 28, 2023

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.

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm

FinCom Members Present: Eric Ward, Mike Derse, Noyan Kinayman, Vikram Sampige, Hady Lattouf

FinCom Members Not Present: Bob Thurston, Jennifer Finch

Others Present: Jared Mullane (Finance Director), Tim Bragan (Town Administrator), Marie Sobolvaro (Asst Town Administrator), James Babu (Police Chief), Rick Sicard (Fire Chief)

1. Police Reserve Fund Transfer
A reserve Fund Transfer request was reviewed to support replacement of the locks system at the police department. The Finance Committee voted unanimously to approve the reserve fund transfer of \$27,106.
2. Holiday Lights Reserve Fund Transfer
A reserve Fund Transfer request was reviewed to support Holiday light installation on the common. The Finance Committee voted 3 to 2 to approve the reserve fund transfer of \$3,300.
3. Police Department Budget
Chief Babu reviewed details around the proposed addition of two officers in the budget submitted this year, answering several questions from the committee.
Chief Babu discussed the expected benefits and challenges related to acquiring hybrid vehicles for police use.
4. Fire Department Budget
Chief Sicard reviewed details of the proposed budget and subsequent question from the finance committee. Primarily this was focused on the potential negative impacts to the department if the level service budget is not approved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Ward