

**NORFOLK BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2019 MEETING**

Members present were: M. Sconyers, G. Allyn, and K. Sebach.

Alternate members present were: L. Battis, G. Mudge and J. Tarrant.

Members absent: L. Groppo, N. Ritson and D. Torrey

Alternate member absent: None.

G. Mudge was appointed to fill in for D. Torrey. J. Tarrant was appointed to fill in for L. Groppo. L. Battis was appointed to fill in for N. Ritson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by M. Sconyers.

Minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by G. Allyn, second by J. Tarrant and unanimously approved.

Under correspondence, the Tax Collector's request to reimburse two tax overpayments was approved on a motion by M. Sconyers, second by K. Sebach and unanimously approved.

The First Selectman reported that as of four months in, the Town is right where it should be, however spending may go over on maintenance to vehicles as a number of maintenance issues have been recently discovered. There has also been lots of cutting of trees and next year more should be added to this budget item due to the responsibility of the Town to take down trees.

The Treasurer reported on stocks and their trading values that the Town holds for Bank of America, Exxon and Eversource, together with the purpose that each stock can be utilized towards. M. Sconyers thanked the Treasurer for the printout on collections.

The First Selectman provided a Long Term Capital Spending printout with detail broken down into several categories as follows: Bridges; Roads; Sidewalks and Walkways; Firehouse; Botelle School; Town Hall projects and Town Owned Property Maintenance (including the Little Red School House); Public Works; Fiber Optics; POCD and Landfill/Recycling.

There was nothing under 2/3 vote.

The 2020 meeting schedule was approved on a motion by M. Sconyers, second by G. Allyn and unanimously approved.

The Board of Education (BOE) attended the meeting on invitation of the Board of Finance (BOF). M. Sconyers indicated the need for the boards to communicate and that the BOF would like to have a better understanding of the problems facing the BOE and for the BOE to have a better understanding of what the BOF faces. M. Sconyers proposed a study group to include members of the BOF, BOE, EDC and Norfolk Foundation, to be considered at the next meeting of the BOF.

The BOE indicated they would like a spirit of partnership and open communication and offered and is open to provide budget information in a different way. K. Sebach said that it would be helpful to have a schedule of upcoming capital improvements to know what is coming down the pike.

There was nothing under public comment.

On Motion of K. Sebach, second by J. Tarrant and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer M. Ryan, Secretary