

**NORFOLK BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2023 MEETING**

Members present were: M. Sconyers, G. Allyn, S. Anderson, G. Mudge, N. Ritson, J. Tarrant and alternates J. Bickford and K. Hester.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by M. Sconyers.

The January 10, 2023 minutes were approved on Motion of J. Tarrant, second by S. Anderson and unanimously approved.

Under correspondence, the Tax Collector's requests for reimbursements were approved on motion of M. Sconyers, second by N. Ritson and unanimously approved.

The First Selectman reported he is in the midst of budget preparation. It has been a very good winter with the lack of snow and ice. He reported on a couple of things with regard to bridge work: all bills have been submitted on the River Place bridge; the project has been pushed out to Fall. Of the \$1.4 million that has been spent, the Town has received approximately \$750,000 back from the State of Connecticut. Regarding the Mountain Road bridge, all paperwork has been submitted for reimbursement, the First Selectman is waiting for a few more forms to receive \$725,000 of the \$1.4 million spent. The First Selectman received information from the State of Connecticut regarding what the state will fund for next fiscal year; the State's contribution will increase \$6,600 to \$412,294. ECS money will be going up \$4,700 to \$34,609. Adult Education is up \$309. Town Aid Road (TAR) funds are going down \$109. In budget preparation with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, it is likely that salaries of non-contracted personnel will be increased by approximately 2.5 %. Local Boards of Education as well as Region 7 are up by 3%.

The Chairman and a member of the Board of Finance together with the First Selectman and a member of the Botelle BOE had a virtual meeting with the State of Connecticut Department of Education and subsequently circulated Connecticut General Statute 10-158a regarding establishing cooperative arrangements with Colebrook considering the declining population at both schools. M. Sconyers moved for a resolution requesting the Botelle BOE make contact with the Colebrook BOE to propose cooperative agreements of whatever arrangement might be decided. M. Sconyers would begin by sending a letter to Ann DeCerbo and Superintendent Iacobelli, on motion by M. Sconyers, second by G. Allyn and unanimously approved.

There was nothing under 2/3 vote.

There was no Public Comment.

On Motion of J. Tarrant, second by S. Anderson and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Ryan, Secretary