

Town of Harwich

Joint Meeting of the Finance Committee with the Board of Selectmen
Griffin Room – Town Hall
Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Members Present: Jon Chorey, Angelo LaMantia, Mark Kelleher, Dan Tworek, Mark Ameres, and Brian Weiner. Dale Kennedy participated from Florida by ZOOM.

- I. Jon Chorey, as Chairman, **called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm** with a quorum present, confirmed by a roll call of members.
- II. Presentation to the BOS and FinCom by Fire Chief David LeBlanc regarding the SAFER grant which the department had received.
- III. Presentation to the BOS and FinCom by Finance Director Carol Coppola regarding the FY23 Proposed Town Budget.
 - Two small changes to the budget present by Director Coppola:
 - i. MRSD budget slightly lower
 - ii. Police up slightly
 - iii. Net reduction of \$75,000
 - Director Coppola stated that the certified free cash was \$3.6 million
 - There is no proposal to support the operating budget
 - They are presenting a balanced budget for review
 - No COLA's have been factored into the budget
 - Wastewater operating fund is returning >\$200,000
 - \$250,000 will be going into the OPEB fund, and \$50,000 into wastewater.
- IV. General questions posed:
 - Why are they budgeting lower receipts in 13 of 16 departments?
 - Clarification on free cash provided by Director Coppola
- V. With no other pending matters on the Finance Committee agenda, and with no further discussion from the members present, **the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.**

Respectfully submitted:



Brian L. Weiner
March 8, 2022