



Town of Ludlow, Massachusetts
Finance Committee Meeting

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TOWN OF LUDLOW

Minutes of May 6, 2026
Meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chad Mullin, Susan Boyea, Michael Kelley, Mike Kelliher, and Aneta Lombardi

Also Present: Marc Strange, Town Administrator

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

OLD BUSINESS

Committee to review current fiscal YTD Municipal Expenditures:

Mr. Kelliher stated that the IT budget is over 100%. DPW, Boys and Girls Club and Town Hall are all over expended on facilities. The energy line is considerable over but there's nothing we can do about that. The school insurance line, that was used last year to offset some of these things and it is already 75% expended this year. Some money will have to be pulled out for the consultants in the Collector's office also.

Ms. Lombardi asked how the free cash affects the capital improvements and things like that?

Mr. Strange stated that it is more about expectations because we set high expectations. In years past, the town would have about a million dollars unallocated after town meeting appropriations and we would receive about \$4-4.5 million. Last year the town had \$3 million unallocated after town meeting. The capital recommendations are more this year than last year but the transfers to the stabilization accounts have fallen by the wayside. Last year the town collected \$2.8 million in property taxes and typically it has been under a million. The town also had about \$1 million more in unrealized revenue, which is mostly grants. It may have been expenses paid out and the grant authority may not have reimbursed yet. Last year the town had \$1.5 million in deferred revenue and this year the town only has \$30,000. All of that is about \$3 million.

Mr. Kelliher asked if uncollected revenue is being tracked monthly? If they knew 3-6 months ago that it was trending that way, we could have planned differently.

Mr. Strange stated that since Elsa left, we finally have a Treasurer/Collector who knows what she is doing but she has only been with us for a month. Moving forward we will be able to track that.

Mr. Kelliher asked if free cash will be recertified at the end of this current fiscal year?

Mr. Strange said that it would.

Mr. Mullin stated that it is strange how some of the utilities are way over and others aren't.

Mr. Kelliher stated that it could depend on the age of the building or if there are issues there.

Mr. Mullin reiterated that the consultant's issue will be corrected next fiscal year.

Mr. Strange stated that they are keeping them one day a week for the transition and that may go into FY27.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Ms. Boyea to appoint Dr. Kelliher as a representative to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Public Hearing FY27 Budget – Committee to review Town Meeting Warrant Articles & vote on recommendations:

Mr. Kelliher asked if anything was taken out of the budget?

Mr. Strange explained that nothing was taken out but the local aide number came in close to \$100,000 from the house and the Senate raised it even more but we have not received the official number yet.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to vote to recommend approval of the FY27 budget, seconded by Mr. Kelley. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Mr. Strange explained that the locker renovations at the Boys & Girls Club were added back into the Capital Requests.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to recommend approval of the Capital requests as presented by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee current version, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Mr. Kelliher read the unpaid bills for town meeting, which is article 1.

Moved by Ms. Lombardi to recommend approval of Article 1 in the amount of \$5,496.96 for unpaid bills, seconded by Ms. Boyea. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to recommend approval of Article 2 of the Special Town Warrant in the amount of \$366,400, seconded by Ms. Boyea. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 1, town officer report, seconded by Ms. Boyea. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 2, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher that the Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 3, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Ms. Boyea that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 4, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to recommend approval of Article 5 in the amount of \$91,610,457, seconded by Ms. Boyea. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Ms. Lombardi to recommend approval of Article 6 for revolving funds, seconded by Ms. Boyea. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to recommend approval of Article 7, not to exceed \$4,900, seconded by Ms. Boyea. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to recommend approval of Article 8, not to exceed \$5,000, seconded by Ms. Boyea. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to recommend approval of Article 9, to accept the state funding of \$1,093,781 for work, seconded by Ms. Boyea. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 10, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to recommend approval of Article 11, in the amounts recommended by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee memo dated May 6, 2026, seconded by Mr. Kelley. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Ms. Lombardi that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 12, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to recommend approval of Article 13, in the amount of \$100,000, seconded by Ms. Boyea. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Ms. Boyea to recommend approval of Article 14, in the amount of \$100,000 for building infrastructure, seconded by Mr. Kelliher. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 15, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 16, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to recommend approval of Article 17, in the amount of \$81,715, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 18, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Ms. Lombardi that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 19, seconded by Mr. Kelley. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Ms. Lombardi that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 20, seconded by Mr. Kelliher. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Ms. Boyea that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 21, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to recommend approval of Article 22, in the amount of \$10,000 seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Ms. Lombardi that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 23, seconded by Ms. Boyea. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Ms. Kelliher that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 24, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelley that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 25, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Ms. Kelliher that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 26, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 27, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Ms. Lombardi that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 28, seconded by Ms. Boyea. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 29, seconded by Ms. Boyea. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelley that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 30, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Ms. Boyea that the Finance Committee makes no recommendation on Article 31, seconded by Mr. Kelliher. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

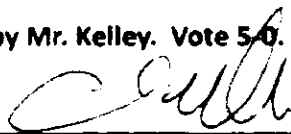
Moved by Ms. Boyea to recommend approval of Article 32, the senior work abatement program bylaw amendment, seconded by Mr. Kelliher. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelley to approve and sign the meeting minutes from March 19, 2026, seconded by Mr. Kelliher. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

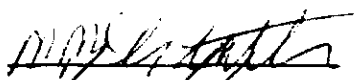
Moved by Mr. Kelley to approve and sign the meeting minutes of April 15, 2026, seconded by Ms. Lombardi. Vote 5-0. All in favor.

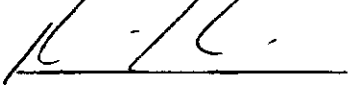
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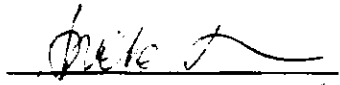
Moved by Mr. Kelliher to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Kelley. Vote 5-0. All in favor.



Chairman









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