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Town of Ludlow, Massachusetts
Finance Committee Meeting

TOWN OF LUDLOW

Minutes of July 14, 2026
Meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chad Mullin, Mike Kelliher, Mike McGrath, and Brandon Quiterio.

Absent: Aneta Lombardi

Also Present: Marc Strange, Town Administrator, Michael Kelley (Remote) and Katherine Pomeroy (Remote)

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

NEW BUSINESS

Committee to review Year End Transfers:

Mr. Mullin explained that this is a list of transfers from various departments.

Mr. McGrath asked what the reserve fund appropriation for the finance committee is?

Mr. Kelliher explained that in the budget every year there is finance committee reserve fund of \$100,000 and that is used to cover unexpected issues. It's not typically used for year-end transfers.

Mr. McGrath stated there are a few items that are over budget and they are routine items, but he would like to know why they aren't budgeted appropriately if that is the case. For example, the Police Department vacations or dispatch services.

Ms. Pomeroy explained that historically those have been year-end transfers, but they can take a look at those lines and see if they can build them into the budget.

Mr. McGrath would like to see them addressed upfront, at least beginning in fiscal year 2028.

Mr. Kelliher agreed that we should budget more correctly and not rely on year-end transfers. The budget needs to be tightened for sure. He suggested doing a five-year look back at the year-end transfers and see what has come up every year and adjusting the budget accordingly.

Ms. Boyea stated that typically the Finance Committee does not typically meet in July, so this is not the norm. In June of last year, the Finance Committee had a lot of transfers and that has not always been the case. Either the departments are not correctly budgeting what they really need or something else is happening because this has really only been the last two years.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to approve a transfer of \$170,400 from the various accounts as listed in our packet in the same amount of \$170,400 to the listed line items, seconded by Ms. Boyea.

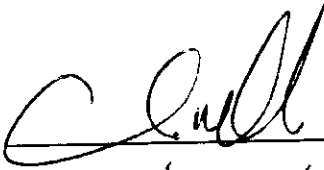
Vote: Mr. Kelley - yes, Mr. McGrath - yes, Mr. Kelliher - yes, Ms. Boyea- yes, Mr. Quiterio - yes, Mr. Mullin - yes. All in favor.

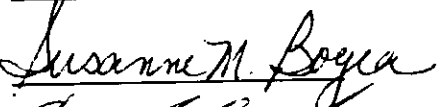
OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to approve the minutes from June 24, 2026, as written, seconded by Mr. Quiterio. Vote: Mr. Kelley - yes, Mr. McGrath - yes, Mr. Kelliher - yes, Ms. Boyea - abstain, Mr. Quiterio - yes, Mr. Mullin - yes. Vote 4-0-1.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Moved by Mr. Kelliher to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Boyea. Vote: Mr. Kelley - yes, Mr. McGrath - yes, Mr. Kelliher - yes, Ms. Boyea- yes, Mr. Quiterio - yes, Mr. Mullin - yes. All in favor.


Chairman

Ludlow Finance Committee