

**FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**April 5, 2021**

**Present:** Dino Mercadante, Chair  
Rosemary Sandlin, Vice Chair  
Mario Tedeschi  
Cecilia Calabrese  
Paul Cavallo

**Also Present:** Councilors Bitzas, Rossi, Smith and Suffriti, Solicitor (via zoom)

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Mercadante at the Agawam Junior High School Teachers' Conference Room

**AGENDA**

**1. Approval of minutes dated October 5, 2020**

Motion to approve was moved by Councilor Calabrese and seconded by Councilor Cavallo.

The vote was 5 Yes, 0 No approving the minutes.

**2. TR-2021-22 - A Resolution to appropriate Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) from Free Cash for infrastructure improvements (Mayor Sapelli)**

Councilor Mercadante broke down the appropriation: \$250,000 for Morgan Sullivan Bridge Project lights with the contract being awarded to Hampden Zimmerman Electric Supply Company with a seven year warranty and \$250,000 sidewalk and paving improvements with the bulk of it going to pave streets. Councilor Cavallo noted that the balance in Free Cash was \$11.5million and the Solicitor said there was \$7million to \$8 million in the Stabilization Fund.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Cavallo and seconded by Council Vice President Calabrese. The vote was 5 Yes, 0 No.

**3. TR-2021-23 - A Resolution to appropriate and authorize borrowing in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to pay costs of the Agawam Library's roof replacement and remodeling (Mayor Sapelli)**

The Solicitor explained the need for repair to the flat roof and shingles and would cost approximately \$400,000. He spoke about the DCAM waiver and the need for exterior and interior work. \$300,000 would be for engineering. Councilor Mercadante met with Building Maintenance Director Brian Pagella and walked up on roof to inspect the damage. Councilor Calabrese inquired if it would be possible to change the pitch of the roof and Councilor Smith said it would be prudent to inspect all the roofs on town buildings before similar damage goes unnoticed.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Council Vice President Calabrese and seconded by Councilor Tedeschi. The vote was 5 Yes, 0 No.

**4. Any other business that may legally come before the Committee.**

None.

**5. Adjournment.**

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Tedeschi and seconded by Councilor Calabrese. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16pm

Respectfully submitted,

Councilor Dino Mercadante, Chair  
Finance Committee