

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 19, 2022

- Present:** Dino Mercadante, Chair
Rosemary Sandlin – Vice Chair
Paul Cavallo
Anthony Suffriti
- Absent:** Cecilia Calabrese
- Also Present:** Councilors Hendrickson, Smith, and Russo, and Auditor Cheryl St. John, Corinne Wingard
- Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Chair Mercadante in the Agawam Senior Center

AGENDA

1. **Approval of minutes dated September 7, 2022**

Motion to approve was made by Councilor Calabrese and seconded by Councilor Sandlin.

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

2. **TR-2022-59 - A Resolution accepting a grant in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$400,000.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to the Town of Agawam. (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli)**

Chair explained the grant coming from DOT for O'Brien's Corner and that the town must spend to get reimbursed. The project is currently underway and the City Council needs to accept this. There was some confusion in 2018 when it was originally authorized and the town appropriated the money. There was an extension from the State based on design complexities. The confusion existed based on whether or not the town needed to accept the grant and indeed the City Council does need to accept this. Councilor Sandlin expressed concern about the poor design.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Sandlin and seconded by Councilor Suffriti. The vote was 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Calabrese).

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

None.

4. **Adjournment.**

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Council Vice President Calabrese and seconded by Councilor Suffriti. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilor Dino Mercadante, Chair
Finance Committee