



Billerica Finance Committee 365 Boston Road Billerica, Massachusetts 01821

Sub-Committee on Board/Committee expense-compensation Minutes: 27 January 2022

A Meeting of the Billerica Finance Committee (FinCom): sub-Committee on Board/Committee expense-compensation was held in Town Hall – Room 210 on Thursday 27 January 2022 at 6:45 PM, via Zoom Video Conferencing Communication App.

In attendance were FinCom – Sub-Committee members: Chairwoman Cheri Gargalianos, John Douglas Meagher, John Mulloy, and Philip J. Newfell, along with Town Manager: John Curran and Town Account: Paul Watson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Three (3) persons participated during “Public Comment:” Kelley Sardina, John Burrows and Brandon Gonzales. Topics ranged from: Select Board member stipend; comparing Billerica’s approach to other municipalities; a stipend and its relationship to “giving back to the community;” finally, the current stipends are fine and should remain.

CALL TO ORDER – WORK SESSION-DISCUSSION

During this “work session,” Chairwoman Gargalianos reviewed the issues that were pursued during the previous 6 January 2022 committee meeting. Other items discussed:

*** The sub-Committee requested what boards would be recommended for inclusion into this reimbursement-expense remuneration. Much discussion resulted. Would it be via a “warrant article?” Does the Town of Billerica have a current “policy” for any type of remuneration? Any “written policy” created would require the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

The Administration stated that it will have a budget “line item” for any/all re-imbursments, etc.

*** Discussion on the amount needed for this budget “line item?” Some discussion; Amounts ranged from \$15,000 to \$20,000. An amount of \$15,000 was agreed. If approved, it would be for the first year budget “line item.” Adjustments may follow, if needed.

*** After much discussion, the following elected positions and “quasi-judicial” entities, due to training, etc., would be included: Planning Board (PB), Board of Appeals (BOA-ZBA), Board of Health (BOH), Conservation Commission (ConCom) and Select Board (BofS). Town meeting would not be included.

*** Appropriation vs. Warrant Article: Budget "line item" appropriation and/or "Warrant Article" to achieve the intended results. As stated above, the Town does not have a written re-imbursement policy. Currently, this issue falls under the Administration's authorization. Town Counsel may be contacted by the Town Manager's office. Much discussion.

Some discussion revolved around the Board of Selectmen's "stipend" if either direction is followed or not.

Motion of recommend to the full board of the Finance Committee:

Motion to recommend to the full board of the Finance Committee (FinCom): a \$15,000 budget "line item" appropriation on five boards and commission (below):

Planning Board (PB)
Board of Appeals (BOA-ZBA)
Board of Health (BOH)
Conservation Commission (ConCom)
Select Board (BofS).

Motioned: John Mulloy
2nd: Philip Newfell

Cheri Gargalianos:	Yes	Douglas Meager:	Yes
John Mulloy:	Yes	Philip J. Newfell:	Yes

Approved: 4-0-0

Messrs. Douglas Meagher and Town Manager John Curran departed at 6:50-55 P.M. for a 7:00 P.M. Committee Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting

Approval of 6 January 2022 Sub-Committee minutes

To accept the 6 January 2022 minutes:

Motioned: John Mulloy
2nd: Philip Newfell

Cheri Gargalianos:	Yes	John Mulloy:	Yes
Philip J. Newfell:	Yes	Approved:	3-0-0

OTHER RELATED BUSINESS

NONE

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE – not subject to discussion NONE

MEETING SCHEDULE

To Be Determined

ADJOURNMENT

Motion To Adjourn at 7:00 P.M.

Motioned:
2nd:

Chairwoman Cheri Gargalianos
John Mulloy

Cheri Gargalianos: Yes
Philip J. Newfell: Yes

John Mulloy: Yes
Approved: 3-0-0



Philip J. Newfell Secretary

Minutes Completed: 31 January 2022 – Monday



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Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk

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