

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

6:30 PM

Virtual, via Zoom

Members present: Brian Boyle, Craig Lauer, Ann Hurd and Bill Nickles

Members absent: Omid Gharony and Bob Guerriero

Call to order: Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The entire meeting can be viewed by going to:

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### Agenda Item #1: Board of Assessors

- Jeff Nichols presented the budget.
- The wages number includes a step and a COLA increase. The stipend is part of the contract and will appear every year.
- Purchase and services are a long-term contract with a company that assists with all the assessments in town. In year 2 of a 3-year contract.
- Training is for required continuing education that is mandated by the state.
- Software support and GIS is for maintenance and upkeep of computers and software and is in year 2 of a 3-year contract.
- Home values are assessed every year at fair market value as required by the state. Because of timing, the values are reflective 18 months in arrears.
- Motion to approve Board of Assessors budget by Craig Lauer, seconded by Bill Nickles; **VOTED AND PASSED UNANIMOUS (4-0).**

### Agenda Item #2: Minuteman Technical School

- Edward Bouquillon presented the budget.
- Total operating budget up 4.96% but the assessment to member towns is up 15.08%
- Already over the design capacity for the campus and will have a waiting list for member towns.
- Drivers of budget include teacher's contract step, health insurance and transportation costs.
- Out of district attendance has been decreasing so out of district revenue has been decreasing, which partly explains the member towns' assessment increasing.
- Bolton had a 60% enrollment increase with now 24 students and 12 students were offered admission for next year.
- Bolton's assessment for FY23 is \$893,714.
- Currently not reducing staff but not filling some spots after retirement.
- Mr. Bouquillon does not expect big assessment increases like this year in future years as capacity will have been reached.

- Mr. Bouquillon is retiring at the end of June.
- Motion to approve Minuteman Technical School budget by Ann Hurd, seconded by Craig Lauer; **VOTED AND PASSED UNANIMOUS (4-0).**

Agenda Item #3: Dispatch

- Bolton's assessment is \$204,606 and the state is making us whole because of the exit of Townsend.
- Motion to approve Dispatch budget by Craig Lauer, seconded by Bill Nickles; **VOTED AND PASSED UNANIMOUS (4-0).**

Agenda Item #4: Advisory Committee business

- Next meeting Don Lowe will wrap up capital request and we will review the warrant.
- Motion to adjourn at 7:16 PM by Craig Lauer, seconded by Bill Nickles; **VOTED AND PASSED UNANIMOUS (4-0).**

Approved by the Advisory Committee