

**TOWN OF BERKLEY
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

MONDAY MARCH 11, 2019

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Joe Freitas, Secretary Michele Hamilton, Nancy Gajoli, Melinda Paine-Dupont.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Joe Freitas.

Now that the budget season is in full force and the committee is in the final stage of reviewing the department budgets, our revenues available and finalizing numbers, Chairman Joe Freitas, reminded us of our duties towards the Town of Berkley Community.

As much as we would like to provide all the departments with financial stability and everything they ask for, this is not a reality. We need to set aside all biases and remain open minded. In addition, if we are or are thinking of actively getting involved in other municipal departments or assisting in a campaign of someone within the town that may be running for office, please remember to contact the State Ethic Department for documentation indicating there is no conflict of interest.

Chairman Joe Freitas introduced to the committee Dean Laribee, a Berkley resident who is a representative for our town on the SBHS School Committee.

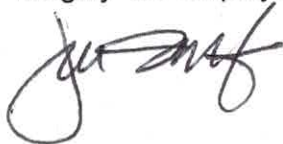
Mr. Laribee provided the committee with some insight on the SBHS FY20 budget. Mr. Laribee indicated that the proposed assessment was around \$2,581,969, a 3.6% increase.

Mr. Lariviere shared some additional information that is included in the budget:

- Assessment shifted this year. Berkley funds increase and Somerset decreased.
- \$75,000 included in the budget designated for the school grounds. (may be removed and applied to a special needs position).
- \$20,000 for a Para position.
- \$68,000 for special needs position.
- Mr. Laribee shared an article written in the Taunton Gazette regarding the SBHS budget.

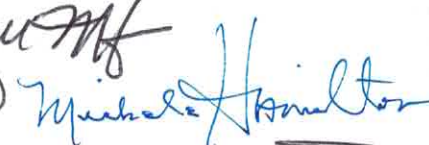
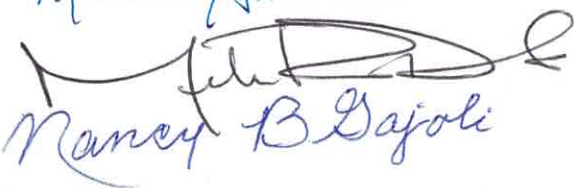
The Finance Committee was invited to attend the presentation of the budget on Thursday March 14, 2019.

Chairman Joe Freitas shared a couple of items that the committee needs to be aware of. The town is looking into hiring an HR person for 20 hours a week. The town is growing and we have roughly 400 employees, the need is there.



Also, a brief discussion to update the finance calendar by sending out a request for the Highway department to meet with us on March 18, 2019 and the K-8 School Department to meet with us on March 25, 2019.

Chairman Joe Freitas requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. Motion was made and seconded. The committee voted unanimously to adjourn.


Joe Freitas

Michael Hamilton

Nancy B. Bajoli