



## TOWN OF BERKLEY FINANCE COMMITTEE Meeting minutes of April 4, 2022

**In Attendance: Joe Freitas, Michele Hamilton, Matt Chabot and  
Nancy Gajoli**

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Joe Freitas at 6:05 pm

Chairman Joe Freitas called for a motion to table the minutes for March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4, 2022 and forwarded to next meeting.

Motion was made by Nancy Gajoli and seconded by Michele Hamilton. A vote was taken and the committee voted unanimously to table the minutes until next meeting.

Superintendent of Berkley K-8 school system, Mellisa Ryan and Andrea Porter were attendance for further discussion regarding the K-8 Budget.

This being Ms. Ryan's first year working with the Finance Committee we spent some time going through the line items listed on our Operating Budget (by line item) and the relationship to the amount we are offering for fiscal year 2023.

When the Finance Committee receives the budgets we calculated, review, calculate some more and review, then discuss. We depend on the tax revenue from the town and state/federal aide as our revenue. The situation is such that we rarely have enough revenue to meet the needs and request of the town's budget.

The K-8 school budget came in at roughly 4.52% and as a committee we realized that this amount is not sustainable and we had to reduce the budget. Like most of the budgets we have already visited, our recommendation was to start roughly at 3% and work our way down from there.

After this discussion, with the amount we were looking at was a reduction of roughly 80,000 – 150,000 from the requested amount. We are still working with numbers and still need to review the remaining departments.

Motion was made at 7:26 to adjourn. Motion was made and seconded, vote taken and the committee unanimously approved to adjourn.

*Joe Freitas* April 11, 2022

Matt Chabot 04/11/22

Michele Hamilton 4/11/22