In accordance with the Governor’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the February 16, 2021 public meeting of the Falmouth Finance Committee shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation.

Alternative public access to this meeting shall be provided in the following manner:

1. Real-time public comment can be addressed to the Finance Committee utilizing the Zoom virtual meeting software for remote access. This application will allow users to view the meeting and send a comment or question to the Chair via the Chat function. Submitted text comments will be read into the record at the appropriate points in the meeting.
   a. Zoom Login instructions:
      i. Instructions and the meeting link for this specific meeting can be found at the following web address: http://www.falmouthma.gov/Finance
      ii. Please plan on 10-15 minutes of preparation time to log in though it may be less if you have previously used Zoom on the device you will use to access this meeting.

2. Additionally public comments may be sent in advance of the meeting to keith.schwegel@falmouthma.gov at least 5 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting. Documents and audio or video files may also be submitted via email. Submitted email comments and documents will be made a part of the meeting record and may be read into the record, summarized or displayed during the meeting at the discretion of the chair.

Present: Keith Schwegel, Ron Dyer, Mary Harris, Jim Newman, Jim Marnell, Kathleen Beriau, Nick Lowell, Susan Smith, Judy Magnani, Peter Hargraves, Deb Maguire, Joseph Lemay
Absent: Dutch Drolette

Public Present: Jennifer Mullen (Finance Director), Julian Suso (Town Manager), Sam Patterson (Select Board), Brad Cole (Falmouth Enterprise)

1. WELCOME
   Keith Schwegel called the session to order at 7:01pm

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
   None

3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
   Keith Schwegel informed the Committee that three of the agenda items (DPW – Facilities Maintenance, Article 15 and Article 33) were being postponed until the following week.

4. GENERAL GOVERNMENT – RESERVE FUND
   Nick Lowell moved $325,001 for the Reserve Fund
   Ron Dyer seconded
   The Committee discussed the following:
   • Future fiscal year increase
   • Discussions on Town Meeting floor
   • Constraints, purpose and scope of fund

   Roll call vote to approve $325,001 for the Reserve Fund: Jim Newman, aye; Mary Harris,
aye; Kathleen Beriau, aye; Jim Marnell, aye; Judy Magnani, aye; Susan Smith, aye; Nick Lowell, aye; Peter Hargraves, aye; Joseph Lemay, aye; Deb Maguire, aye; Ron Dyer, aye

5. DPW – FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DIVISION
   The agenda item was moved to the following week’s meeting

6. PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE/RESCUE DEPARTMENT
   Nick Lowell moved $8,378,269 for the Fire/Rescue Department
   Ron Dyer seconded
   Peter Hargraves presented the details of the budget with emphasis on the following:
   - Firefighters approved in override not yet hired
   The Committee discussed the following:
   - Encumbrance of override funds for start-up costs if needed
   - Staffing and vacancies
   - Most recent hiring experience
   - Incorporating start-up costs into the FY22 budget

   Roll call vote to approve $8,378,269 for the Fire/Rescue Department: Jim Newman, aye; Mary Harris, aye; Kathleen Beriau, aye; Jim Marnell, aye; Judy Magnani, aye; Susan Smith, aye; Nick Lowell, aye; Peter Hargraves, aye; Joseph Lemay, aye; Deb Maguire, aye; Ron Dyer, aye

   Judy Magnani recused herself

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES – SENIOR SERVICES
   Jim Marnell moved $548,285 for Senior Services
   Ron Dyer seconded
   Jim Marnell presented the details of the budget with emphasis on the following:
   - Daily operations during the COVID-19 pandemic
   - Community collaboration
   Senior population of Falmouth
   - The Committee discussed the following:
   - New Senior Center – increased costs
   - State Aid concerns

   Roll call vote to approve $548,285 for Senior Services: Jim Newman, aye; Mary Harris, aye; Kathleen Beriau, aye; Jim Marnell, aye; Judy Magnani, aye; Susan Smith, aye; Nick Lowell, aye; Peter Hargraves, aye; Joseph Lemay, aye; Deb Maguire, aye; Ron Dyer, aye

   Judy Magnani recused herself

8. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – RETIREMENT BENEFITS
   Mary Harris moved $9,527,709 for Retirement Benefits
   Ron Dyer seconded
   Mary Harris explained that she moved an amount that was less than recommended for the following reasons:
   - She didn’t feel it was appropriate to include the override firefighter costs
   - Historically voted the actuarial number
   - Override numbers won’t be reflected in the actuarial data for a couple of years
   The Committee discussed the following:
   - PERAC actuarial data
   - Arguments for and against the current motion
• Retirement projections (through 2033)

Roll call vote to approve the amended amount of $9,527,709 for Retirement Benefits: Jim Newman, nay; Jim Marnell, nay; Nick Lowell, nay; Susan Smith, nay; Peter Hargraves, nay; May Harris, aye; Kathleen Beriau, aye; Joseph Lemay, aye; Deb Maguire, aye; Ron Dyer, aye, the vote was tied, tiebreaker Chair Keith Shwegel, nay – the motion does not pass

Nick Lowell moved $9,638,209 for Retirement Benefits
Ron Dyer seconded

Roll call vote to approve $9,638,209 for Retirement Benefits: Jim Newman, aye; Mary Harris, aye; Kathleen Beriau, aye; Jim Marnell, aye; Judy Magnani, aye; Susan Smith, aye; Nick Lowell, aye; Peter Hargraves, aye; Joseph Lemay, aye; Deb Maguire, aye; Ron Dyer, aye

Judy Magnani returned to the meeting

9. WARRANT ARTICLE 15
   Postponed until the next meeting

10. WARRANT ARTICLE 33
    Postponed until the next meeting

11. OTHER BUSINESS
    Susan Smith communicated to Jim Newman that she had done her eminent domain article and that there was no amount associated with it yet, she only had a ballpark number that is still being negotiated

12. ADJOURN
    Ron Dyer moved to adjourn at 8:16pm
    Jim Newman seconded

Roll call vote: Jim Newman, aye; Mary Harris, aye; Kathleen Beriau, aye; Jim Marnell, aye; Judy Magnani, aye; Susan Smith, aye; Nick Lowell, aye; Peter Hargraves, aye; Joseph Lemay, aye; Deb Maguire, aye; Ron Dyer, aye