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DEPT./BOARD: Ways & Means Town Hall II Subcommittee

DATE: March 7th, 2022

TIME: 7:30 AM

PLACE: COA Director's Office/1st Floor/61 Center Street/Burlington, MA 01803

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Margery McDonald Yetman (COA Director), John Iler (Ways & Means), Brad Bond (Ways & Means)

MINUTES

Discussed the FY23 COA budget and the FY23 Local Transportation accommodated account.

The only changes to the COA budget itself are an increase in full-time salary from steps and a decrease in part-time salary through coverage by grants. Note that a new part-time non-benefited position in the form of an Activity Coordinator has been added to the department, but the salary is covered by state funding. Also note that cost-of-living salary increases are not included in this budget since town contracts have yet to be negotiated. The budget request is for \$444,706 which is the same as last year's budget.

Vote: 2-0 in support of the COA budget.

The Community Transportation Program is now in place and usage is increasing. (Note that this is a Lyft-based service available to Burlington residents who 1) are 60 and over, 2) have a disability, or 3) are under 300% of the poverty line.) Since the program is still new and usage has been impacted by the pandemic, the town has yet to see the true cost of the service. Note that the costs are currently running at about \$6k per month. The administration is requesting \$50,000 to be used in conjunction with remaining funds in the B-Line revolving account (with a year-end balance of \$200k) to cover costs for the FY23 fiscal year.

Vote: 2-0 in support of the Local Transportation line item.

Adjourned – 8:30 AM

