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WAYS & MEANS  
MEETING MINUTES  
BURLINGTON, MA 01803

APR 13, 2022

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Steve Morin, Chair  
John Iler, Vice Chair

Chris Campell  
Phil Gallagher  
Meghan Nawoichik  
Ed Parsons  
David Tait

Doug Davison  
Frank Monaco  
Rob Neufeld  
Roger Riggs  
Jaya Vorunganti

**Absent:** Brad Bond  
Sonia Rollins

Michael Hardy

**Guests:** Bill Boivin, Conservation Commission Vice Chair  
Brendan Egan, Parks & Recreation Director  
Kristin Kassner, Planning Director  
Kevin Sullivan, Recreation Commission Chairperson

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Participations** N/A

**Additional Comments** N/A

**FY23 Budget Reviews**

**Community Preservation Act**

The Community Preservation Act is a state program that enables cities and towns in Massachusetts to create local dedicated funds for open spaces and recreation, historic preservation and affordable housing. It was passed by the state legislature in 2000. At state level, the funds come from surcharges on real estate transactions filed at the registry of deeds. A 1.5% real estate surcharge – the percentage is not of the property value but it is of the property tax. There are exemptions available for both residential and commercial; (1) the first \$100,000 of property value (2) income-based for *low-income* and *middle-income* senior families.

If approved by voters in the November election, the projected amount to be collected in new taxes is approximately \$1,600,0000.

- Article 32 N/A  
A request to ask the town of Burlington voters to approve the CPA on the ballot in the November, 2022 ballot. If approved, Burlington would become a CPA participant.

Vote: [11-1-0]

**630/631 – Recreation & Recreation Maintenance** **\$1,979,983**

The discussion of this budget was made at the 4/13/2022 Ways & Means meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget.

Vote: [12-0-0]

**175 - Planning** **\$444,226**

The Planning Board presented a new job description and insight into their need for a new FTE position with the Development Coordinator title. The amount of work has increased significantly over the last couple of years and employees are working more than their scheduled hours and that employee retention could become an issue. The new position would free up time that would allow the town to complete long-standing strategic items, such as the master plan, the feasibility study on Wheeler road and to approach all the ongoing redevelopment more systematically.

Vote: [6-5-1]

MEETING ADJOURNED.