

**FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**June 21, 2021**

**Present:** Dino Mercadante, Chair  
Mario Tedeschi  
Cecilia Calabrese  
Paul Cavallo

**Absent:** Rosemary Sandlin, Vice Chair

**Also Present:** Councilors Bitzas, Rossi, Smith and Suffriti, Solicitor Buoniconti, Personnel Director Coleen Gruska and Marc Criscitelli

**Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Mercadante in the Teachers' Conference Room at the Agawam Junior High School

**AGENDA**

**1. Approval of minutes dated May 17, 2021**

Motion to approve was made by Council Vice President Calabrese and seconded by Councilor Tedeschi.

The vote was 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Sandlin) approving the minutes.

**2. TR-2021-40 - A Resolution establishing a Health Insurance Trust Agreement pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, §3A (Mayor Sapelli)**

Chair Mercadante read a statement prior to discussion. The Solicitor gave an overview of the Resolution. BC/BS was facing a nine percent increase and negotiated to a seven percent increase but the Mayor thought that was too high. The item before the Council represents a two percent increase in costs to the town. FY22 term will be up for negotiation with all unions. Colleen Gruska will become the Administrator instead of BC/BS and said she is basically already doing this job. No new hires and no stipends to be paid.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Council Vice President Calabrese and seconded by Councilor Cavallo. The vote was 5 Yes, 0 No

**3. TR-2021-41 - A Resolution establishing a Dental Insurance Trust Agreement pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, §3A (Mayor Sapelli)**

Same discussion as above and this provides savings to the town by administering the payments.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Tedeschi and seconded by Councilor Cavallo. The vote was 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Sandlin)

**4. Any other business that may legally come before the Committee.**

None.

**5. Adjournment.**

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Cavallo and seconded by Councilor Tedeschi. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm

Respectfully submitted,

Councilor Dino Mercadante, Chair  
Finance Committee