

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
JANUARY 14, 2019 AT 6:07 p.m.
COMMITTEE ROOM
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Voting Members present: Chairman Michael Concannon, President Michael Anderson, Alderman Lindsay Higgins, Alderman Edward Tedesco, and Alderman Richard Gately

Non-Voting Members present: Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen, Alderman Mark Gaffney, and Alderman Joanne Campbell.

Also present: Director of Veterans Services Larry Guiseppe

Motion made by Alderman Higgins and seconded by Alderman Tedesco to take the Finance Committee meeting out of order from the posted agenda; approved, 5-0.

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Order to transfer \$240,000. from Unreserved Fund Balance Acct to Veteran’s Cash Aid Acct.:

Director Guiseppe said the cash aid program is something the Office of Veterans Affairs has coordinated for the past eight years. He said more than 90 people have been receiving benefits. He said 75 percent of the funds that are disbursed are reimbursable by the state. He said reimbursement funds are usually received about a quarter or two after they are disbursed but at the moment the cash aid account is accepted approved and reconciled through December 1, 2018. He said a number of accounts within the budget are 100 percent reimbursable. Alderman Gately asked how many more people have enrolled in the program. Director Guiseppe said he has recently added four people to the program but lost one today due to the death of Betty Stella. He said widows or dependent children of veterans are also eligible for the program. He said all the applications are screened by the state. He said the cash aid program has not been impacted by the federal government shutdown. Motion made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by President Anderson that the transfer “ought to pass;” approved, 5-0.

Order to transfer sum of \$8,400 from Demo/Clapp School Acct to Demo/Plympton School Acct.:

Alderman Gaffney said the Mayor sent down the appropriation, which he said will pay for an evaluation of the lot to determine how much it will cost to demolish the Plympton School and turn it into open space. He said he is going to hold neighborhood meetings to determine what the neighbors want there. Alderman Gately asked if there is enough money in the Clapp School account to accommodate the transfer. Alderman Gaffney said he believes there is. Motion made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by President Anderson that the transfer “ought to pass;” approved, 5-0.

Motion made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by Alderman Higgins to adjourn; approved, 5-0.

Chairman Concannon adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees