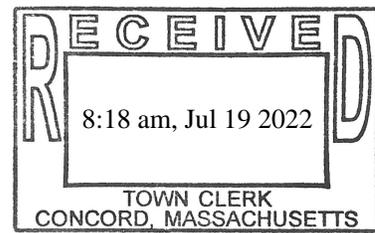


**Town of Concord  
Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes - May 1, 2022**



**Present:** Christine Reynolds (Chair), Ray Andrews, Greg Guarriello, Mary Hartman, John Hickling, Eric Dahlberg, Dee Ortner, Don Kupka, Brian Taylor, Lois Wasoff

**Absent:** Dean Banfield, Kathy Cuocolo, Parashar Patel, Peggy Briggs, Amrith Kumar

**Others Present:** Laurie Hunter, School Superintendent

### **Open Meeting**

Christine Reynolds called the meeting to order at 12:40PM, after establishing the presence of a quorum through a roll call vote. The meeting was held in person in the CCHS gymnasium, immediately prior to the beginning of the Concord Annual Town Meeting.

### **Town Meeting Article 19**

Ms. Reynolds noted that the sole item on the agenda was whether the Finance Committee would recommend that Concord Town Meeting take affirmative action on Article 19, the Concord Public Schools (CPS) Capital Budget. Changes had been made to Article 19 as proposed in the warrant, to address concerns raised about sustainability and the advisability of budgeting for a new boiler at the Alcott School. The Article to be presented at Town Meeting will eliminate funding for the new boiler and substitute funds for electrical connection upgrades at Ripley (\$300,000) (related to heat pump installation) and a study on alternative energy approaches (\$50,000). Several members of the committee asked questions about whether potential additional costs could be incurred in connection with the installation of heat pumps in school buildings, and whether that might result in a request for additional funds by CPS at a Special Town Meeting held during this fiscal year.

Dr. Hunter was asked to join the meeting to respond to these questions. She stated that the heat pump installations in this fiscal year are to be funded in part by a Green Communities grant of \$130,000, which will be matched by CPS within the budget requested under Article 19, and that CPS does not anticipate seeking additional funding for the project in this fiscal year.

A MOTION that the Finance Committee recommend Affirmative Action on Article 19 was duly made and seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous roll call vote at 12:55PM.