**Essex Finance Committee**

**Thursday November 19, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Meeting Minutes**

The public was able to join this meeting by telephone. The call-in number will be: 717-275-8940. The access code was: 9898439

Members Present: Chairman Ben Buttrick, Michael Antell, Michael Flynn, Alison Williard, Mark Renzi, Nina Walker.

Also Present: Select Board Chair, Ruth Pereen

Chairman Buttrick called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Chairman Buttrick made a motion to approve minutes from 9/15/2020. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Approve line item transfers and reserve fund transfers – none to approve.

Accountant Antell provided updates on Essex municipal finance (CARES and FEMA spending).

Finance Committee voted to support a level funded budgets for FY22. Chairman Buttrick said that he, Chairman Buttrick voted aye in favor; followed by Mark Renzi, said that he Mark Renzi voted aye in favor; Nina Walker said that she Nina Walker voted aye in favor, Allison Williard said that she, Allison Williard voted aye in favor; followed by Michael Flynn, said that he, Michael Flynn voted aye in favor; followed by Michael Antell, said that he, Michael Antell voted aye in favor.

Discussion of MERSD and budget timeline. Staffing is a concern going forward because of the pandemic. MERSD is looking to increase their FY22 budget by 3.5 percent. Finance Committee discussed questions regarding accruals that could be reviewed with school committee, as well as contractual obligations.

Items that could not be reasonably anticipated by the open meeting law posting deadline – none.

Public Comment – None

Adjourn - A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:56 pm.