**Essex Finance Committee**

**Tuesday December 15, 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, Mark Renzi, Alison Williard Rob Fitzgibbons and Nina McKinnon.

Also Present: Ruth Pereen, Select Board Chair, Donna Roy and Annie Cameron

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

Review/approve minutes from 11/19/20 meeting. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Transfers: line item transfers. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved per the attached.

Any updates on Essex municipal finance (CARES and FEMA spending.) Discussion ensued regarding FEMA and Cares act spending and reporting deadlines and decrease in revenue received during pandemic.

Discussion of MERSD – discussion ensued regarding tightening budgets and staying in line with level funded budgets. The goal is to achieve no more than a 2 ½ percent increase overall for the town and the school.

Essex Merchants Group budget and funding. Discussion ensued regarding the return on investment on the funds allocated to the Advertise Town Resource Group/Essex Merchants Group and possible ask for funding the remaining of FY21 with a Reserve Fund Transfer to assist restaurants to advertise once the pandemic is over and restaurants and small businesses can re-open.

Essex Youth Commission – discussion deferred until January, 2021.

Town liaison updates – discussion ensued regarding DPW potential increase in employee hiring/positions for FY22 Budgets.

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

Public Comment – none.

Adjourn – motion made, seconded and unanimously approved at 9:00 pm.