

Boylston Finance Committee Meeting
March 6, 2023

Attendees: Eric Brose, Dave Butler, Karen McGahie, Howard Drobner, Greg Cusimano

Discussion:

- Overall discussion
 - Reviewed individual budgets for requests
 - Awaiting salary study results in order to address salary increase and hours requests
 - Police requesting a new school officer position -- the committee feels that it's not appropriate to add to a funding request in advance of further discussion between the selectmen and schools
 - The Police and Dispatch negotiations remain incomplete so we don't have salary increases
 - The step increase will be set at 2% as per the plan started in FY2023 in an effort to bring our employees from the lower side of the salary range to the middle of the range
 - With all the school requests and the town requests, the town would have a 10.6% increase and the schools a 20.4% increase for an overall increase of 16.4%
 - The tax impact would be an increase of 15.27%, and a homeowner with a \$450,000 home would see their taxes rise by \$1,088 from \$7,128 to \$8,216
 - In future meetings we will address specific budgets and address cuts to department line items to bring the overall budget down to a tax rate impact closer to 3%