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Subject: Re: BoF role in 2021 budget season

James,

[See below](#)

Rob

Rob Tarlov, Chairman, Board of Finance
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From: James McNair <jmcnair3@comcast.net>
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Rob,

Good day. Read the 1st Selectman report. With negotiations in process, will the BoF be appraised of the estimated impacts on the Budget? How will the estimate be placed in budget reporting? [In each years' proposed budget, a line item under HR has included a dollar amount for contracts under negotiation. At some point during the year, Maggie transfers money from this line item to the line items impacted.](#)

As for the potential head count increase in the police department, can the BoF deny funding if it see fit? [My memory is foggy on the limits of BoF line item authority. [Board of Finance has department level authority, so we could reduce the department budget by the amount attributed to that funding request, but the First Selectman could reduce other items in that department's budget to pay for the new request.](#)

Lastly, what role will the BoF have in the "education" of the public for the apparatus and senior center referendums. Specifically, will the BoF be vetting the spending plans for the best options? [The Board of Finance has already reviewed the request for the fire apparatus. A Focus Group made up of 2 BOF, 2 BOS and W Cox, D Lee, and S Shoemaker had several meetings over a 6 month period, plus a parking lot presentation of the ladder trucks. The full BOF then reviewed the options at 2 different meetings.](#)

[We have had several joint board meetings with the Senior Center Building Committee, but the BOF will not be reviewing building options. The building committee determined, based on their research and prior research done, the size and scope of the building.](#)

[The BOF has been involved in reviewing the debt service plan to determine the mill rate impact of the two projects. This will need to be updated when the final estimate for the senior center has been projected.](#)

Be well,
James

