



TOWN OF BROOKLINE

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AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee meeting was called to order on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 3:00 PM. The meeting was conducted remotely thru Zoom.

Present were Bernard Greene, Chair, Lee Sewyn, Mariah Nobrega, Alok Somani, Paul Healy and Steve Herscovici. Also in attendance were ex officio members Michael DiPietro, Comptroller, Justin Casanova-Davis, Acting Finance Director, and Melissa Goff, Deputy Town Administrator. Sam Rippin, Deputy Superintendent, joined the meeting at 3:18. Also present Craig Peacock from Powers & Sullivan.

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by Michael DiPietro, acting chair, at 3:05 P.M.

There were brief introductions of all members and staff.

A motion was made to elect a chair person by Mr. Sewyn for Bernard Greene for the period September 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2022.

Roll call vote was unanimous.

Chair Greene thanked the committee for their support.

Motion made to approve the minutes of August 12, 2021, roll call vote approved unanimously.

Next Craig Peacock, partner with Powers & Sullivan, the Town's audit firm, gave a presentation of how they plan the audit, differences between private sector public companies and government agencies such as cities and towns. There was discussion among the committee about the role of the committee.

This discussion will continue to a future date since several members needed to leave the meeting shortly.

Next was a discussion around a grant the Town received from BCF, Brookline Community Foundation. The grant was properly accepted and approved by the BOS. Proper procedures were followed for the approval and disbursement of these funds.

There were questions around why the town was involved with the grant in the first place and whether the BOS should have accepted the funds. Mrs. Nobrega asked about drafting a policy with respect to the BOS accepting grants.

Several members needed to leave the meeting so Chair Greene would like to continue the discussion of these topics to a date in the next couple of weeks.

The meeting ended at 4:24 P.M. by roll call vote unanimously.