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**TOWN OF MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA**  
**Notice of Meetings of Town Departments and all Town Boards**  
**As required by Chapter 30A, G.L.**

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**COMMITTEE/BOARD NAME:** Joint Meeting of Finance Committee & Board of Selectmen  
**DATE:** Thursday, March 11, 2021  
**TIME:** 7:00pm  
**LOCATION:** Virtual Meeting

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**AGENDA**

- A. Call to Order** **7:00 PM**
- B. School Committee Attendance at ME All –Boards Meeting** **7:00 PM**

- Discuss the present status of proposed FY22 apportionments for both towns, based on the most recent vote of the School Committee.
  - Review the actual history of operating budget apportionment increases
- Reconciling FY22 budget. What do we know now that we didn't know on Feb 2nd? What is the best strategic use of reserve funds given the advisement above?
  - Essex and MBTS status
- Discuss, generally, what expectations should be for future fiscal years.
  - Mandated (fixed) vs discretionary (variable) spending
  - Long-term capital obligations

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- Discuss whether the meeting participants favor supporting annual operating increases at some level above 2.5% per year (which may require periodic Proposition 2 ½ overrides) versus restructuring the school district's programs to keep the annual overall apportionment increase at 2.5%.
  - What does 2.5% mean (levy limit vs. levy increase)?
  - Comparative data
  - What is the impact to the educational program and what process does the District use in identifying programmatic and staffing cuts?
  - Identify a "range of reasonableness"

**C. Public Comment**

**8:45 PM**

**D. Adjourn**

**9:00 PM**