



Town Of Webster

Massachusetts

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Finance Committee

350 Main Street
Webster, MA 01570

Nick Adamopoulos, Chairman
Sarah Sansom, Vice Chairman
Michael Finamore
Courtney Friedland, Recording Secretary

Laura Backus
Neil Dixon
Matt Fitton
Sean Williams

MEETING MINUTES February 25, 2019

Present: Nick Adamopoulos, Laura Backus, Michael Finamore, Matt Fitton, and Sarah Sansom

Absent: Sean Williams

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Nick Adamopoulos at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen Meeting Room in the Town Hall.

Meeting Minutes

Motion: made by Michael Finamore, seconded by Laura Backus to approve the meeting minutes of February 7, 2019.

Vote: Matt Fitton – abstain, Michael Finamore – yes, Laura Backus – yes, Sarah Sansom – yes and Nick Adamopoulos – yes.

FY'20 Preliminary Budget Discussion

The Bay Path Assessment has gone down. It is \$90,000.00 less than last year. This takes in to account a new Town being added to the district.

0146120 412019: New growth is at twenty-three million, which includes marijuana licenses agreements. \$150,000.00 was added for two license agreements for retail marijuana.

0800660 466003: Veterans Benefits dropped because the Town was reimbursed by the State.

0240450 445017: Building permits are trending downwards.

0112351 519999: \$52,000.00 has been put into salary reserve for collective bargaining agreements and increases suggested by the salary survey.

0113552 530000: This will provide continued help for the Town Accountant

0114551 511055: This position will be cut when a new Town Treasurer/Collector is hired.

0114552 530000: This money will be used to pay for bonding and for a Tax Title Accountant/Attorney

0115551 511002: In prior years the Director's salary was split equally between Town, Water, and Sewer. This year his salary will come from the Town side completely.

0117751 511055: New position. Secretary was hired this fiscal year.

0117752 570000: Department now has a large printed which required more expensive ink.

0119252 524001: Would like to fix side door handi-capped ramp and refurbish gazebo.

0119252 521003: Proper credit have been applied. The Library needs to keep its electricity line item because it needs to be reported to the State.

0121051 511008: Salaries include education incentive.

0121051 511028: Salary increased because the prior person holding position now has a higher education level.

Mr. Finamore would like to know the amount in the drug account.

0121051 513000: The Department is in need of a full-time custodian.

0122051 530001: Increase for PAT Physicals and exams.

0124051 524002: Property owners don't have the funds to over demo costs. The town will lien the property.

0129251 519024: Laura Backus thought this line item should be increased. This job is included in the salary survey.

01300 533002: School transportation has increased. They currently have a foster child that needs to be transported back and forth to school from another community.

The School Department has proposed a 4.2% increase. The Town Administrator budgeted them for a 3% increase. Last year the School Department had a 4.2% increase.

Mr. Adamopoulos received Neil Dixon's resignation to the Finance Committee. He wished him luck on all his future endeavors.

Schedule Next Meeting

The Finance Committee was in favor of holding a meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Mike Finamore, seconded by Sarah Sansom to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Vote: **Matt Fitton – yes, Michael Finamore – yes; Laura Backus – yes, Sarah Sansom – yes, and Nick Adamopoulos – yes.**

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Friedland