



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
Matt Fitton
Sean Williams

MEETING MINUTES April 25, 2019

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

Absent: Matt Fitton & Shawn 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.

Public Hearing – FY20 Budget and Warrant Articles

Motion: made by Laura Backus, seconded by Michael Finamore to open the Public Hearing for the FY20 Budget and The Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants for May 13, 2019.

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

In the FY20 budget, the Town avoided the need for an override. The Town saved on insurance, streetlights and health insurance. The Town reduced a number of petitions and will enter into two additional host agreements. The Town and School will have a 70/30 split. The School Committee voted a 3% increase for FY20. The priorities for FY20 are Economic Development and building and grounds. Robert Whitelaw expressed his concerns about transparency on revolving accounts.

Motion: made by Laura Backus, seconded by Michael Finamore to close the Public Hearing for the FY20 Budget and The Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants for May 13, 2019.

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

Meeting Minutes

Motion: made by Michael Finamore, seconded by Sarah Sansom to approve the meeting minutes for February 7, 2019.

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

Motion: made by Sarah Sansom, seconded by Michael Finamore to approve the meeting minutes for February 25, 2019.

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

Motion: made by Sarah Sansom, seconded by Laura Backus to approve the meeting minutes for March 7, 2019.

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

Town Administrator's Update

The Town is receiving a better interest rate from our local bank which went from .45% to 1.25%. The Town has applied for a \$30,000 Mass Historic Grant for the design costs for the Town Hall renovations. The Filtration Plant is on the budget but is behind schedule. A piece of equipment is back ordered. The Town has a meeting scheduled to discuss the plan moving forward. Water shut-off notices have been sent out.

Special Town Meeting Recommendations

Motion: made by Sarah Sansom, seconded by Laura Backus to recommend approval for articles 1-3 of the Special Town Meeting with funding amounts.

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

Motion: made by Laura Backus, seconded by Sarah Sansom to recommend approval for article 4 of the Special Town Meeting.

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

Motion: made by Sarah Sansom, seconded by Michael Finamore to recommend approval for article 5 of the Special Town Meeting.

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

Motion: made by Michael Finamore, seconded by Sarah Sansom to recommend approval for articles 6-17 of the Special Town Meeting.

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

Motion: made by Michael Finamore to recommend not approving article 18, the motion was not seconded.

Motion: made by Sarah Sansom, seconded by Laura Backus to recommend approval for article 18 of the Special Town Meeting.

Vote: Laura Backus – yes, Michael Finamore – no, Sarah Sansom – yes, and Nick Adamopoulos – yes.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Recommendations

Motion: made by Michael Finamore, seconded by Laura Backus to recommend approval for articles 1-6 of the Annual Town Meeting.

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

Motion: made by Laura Backus, seconded by Michael Finamore to recommend approval for article 7 of the Annual Town Meeting.

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

Motion: made by Laura Backus to abstain from article 8; the motion was not seconded.

Motion: made by Sarah Sansom, seconded by Michael Finamore to recommend approval for article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting.

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

Nick Adamopoulos stated the Committee will hold on article 9 for more information.

Motion: made by Sarah Sansom, seconded by Laura Backus to recommend approval for articles 10-12 of the Annual Town Meeting.

Vote: Laura Backus – yes, Michael Finamore – no, Sarah Sansom – yes, and Nick Adamopoulos – yes.

Motion: made by Michael Finamore, seconded by Sarah Sansom to recommend approval for article 13 of the Annual Town Meeting.

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

Motion: made by Sarah Sansom, seconded by Laura Backus to recommend approval for article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting.

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

Motion: made by Michael Finamore, seconded by Sarah Sansom to recommend approval for article 15 of the Annual Town Meeting.

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

Motion: made by Michael Finamore, seconded by Sarah Sansom to recommend approval for article 16 of the Annual Town Meeting.

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

Motion: made by Laura Backus, seconded by Sarah Sansom to recommend approval for articles 18-20 of the Annual Town Meeting.

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

Motion: made by Sarah Sansom, seconded by Michael Finamore to recommend approval for article 21 of the Annual Town Meeting.

Vote: Laura Backus – yes, Michael Finamore – yes, Sarah Sansom – yes, and Nick Adamopoulos – no.

Motion: made by Sarah Sansom, seconded by Laura Backus to recommend approval for article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting.

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

Schedule Next Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet on May 13, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. before Town Meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: made by Michael Finamore, seconded by Laura Backus to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Friedland

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