



Town Of Webster

Massachusetts

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Finance Committee

350 Main Street
Webster, MA 01570

Mat Fitton, Chairman

Scott Dziedzic, Vice-Chairman

Joshua Sterczala, Secretary

Joseph Ralph

Courtney Friedland, Recording Secretary

Michael Finamore

Jennifer Findlay

Sarah Sansom

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Webster Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA
via conference call in accordance with Governor Baker's
emergency "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the
Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20
6:00 p.m.

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Mat Fitton at 6:09 p.m. via Zoom Conference Call.

Present: Sarah Sansom (via conference call), Joseph Ralph (via conference call), Jennifer Findley (via conference call), Scott Dziedzic (via conference call), Joshua Sterczala (via Zoom call), Matt Fitton (via conference call), Town Accountant Timothy Bell (via conference call), Interim Town Administrator Greg Balukonis (via conference call), and Finance Committee Secretary Courtney Friedland (via conference call).

Governor Baker issued an Executive Order modifying certain requirements of the Open Meeting Law, to enable public bodies to carry out their responsibilities while adhering to public health recommendations regarding social distancing. The Executive Order relieves public bodies from the requirement in the Open Meeting Law that meetings be conducted in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body through adequate, alternative means.

Motion by Jennifer Findlay seconded by Michael Fianmore pass over the Pledge of Allegiance because no flag was present. Vote: Jennifer Findlay – yes, Joseph Ralph – yes, Scott Dziedzic – yes, Joshua Sterczala – yes, Sarah Sansom – yes, and Matt Fitton – yes.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Balukonis stated this would be the last meeting he would be attending. He said the Board of Selectmen selected Richard LaFond as the new Town Administrator. He stated they are continuing the budget process and budgets are due January 28, 2022 from Department Heads. He stated the Capital Improvement Plan has been put together.

Town Accountant Report:

The Town Accountant stated the current budget looks very tight. Some accounts are in deficit. There is not a lot of wiggle room in the Health Insurance Account. The Fire Department has a lot of overtime. The Fire Chief is trying to build shifts.

OLD BUSINESS

Audit Committee

There is currently no update. He said the town will have a draft by March 20, 2022.

School Building Committee

The School Department and the Town Accountant are currently working on calendar dates to hold a Special Town Meeting and ballot vote. They would like to give a presentation on February 10, 2022 regarding the project.

Capital Planning

PFAS was discovered in the local water supply. The cost will be substantial. There isn't an adequate emergency back-up currently in place.

Town Administrator Search Committee

The Committee has been dissolved.

Next Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet on February 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. If you want something on the agenda please email the Chairman prior to posting the agenda.

Adjournment

Motion by Michael Finamore, seconded by Jennifer Findlay to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Vote: Jennifer Findlay – yes, Joseph Ralph – yes, Scott Dzedzic – yes, Joshua Sterczala – yes, Sarah Sansom – yes, and Matt Fitton – yes.

Meeting Minutes

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Friedland