



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, February 10, 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 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Conference Call.

Present: Sarah Sansom (via conference call), Joseph Ralph (via conference call), Jennifer Findlay (via conference call), Scott Dziedzic (via conference call), Matt Fitton (via conference call), Michael Finamore (via conference call), Ruthann Goguen (via conference call), Monique Pierangeli (via conference call), Ken Guyette (via conference call), Kent Kavacs (via conference call), Town Accountant Timothy Bell (via conference call), Chief Michael Shaw (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 Finamore pass over the Pledge of Allegiance because no flag was present. Vote: Jennifer Findlay – yes, Joseph Ralph – yes, Michael Finamore – yes, Scott Dziedzic – yes, Sarah Sansom – yes, and Matt Fitton – yes.

Request for Emergency Funding

Chief Shaw stated there has been recent heating issues going on at the Police Station. Two of the condensing units on the roof were found to have bad compressors and inverter assembly boards

in need of replacement. Technicians were able to alter the programming to disable the bad areas to ensure some heat would be working throughout the important areas, but this repair is needed to bring the system back to fully operational. The estimated cost of the repair is \$13,135.00. The Police Station Building Maintenance Account has been fully exhausted. There is \$50,000.00 available in the Reserve Account. Mr. Bell suggested approving the amount known through the quote and they can request additional funding if needed.

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

BHS Feasibility Study Presentation

Monique Pierangeli and Ruthann Goguen went through the PowerPoint Presentation along with Ken Guyette, OPM and Kent Kavacs, Architect. Ms. Goguen stated the education, students and job markets have changed. She stated this project will bring classroom sizes up to the State standard along with many other necessary updates and improvements. There would be no MSBA funding available if the school was just brought up to code as noted on the Proposed Design slide.

Town Accountant Report:

The Town Accountant stated the new Town Administrator started Wednesday. He sat in on all of the Department Head FY23 budget requests. He has not looked at the complete budget. There are no major issues in the current budget. They are keeping an eye on the Health Insurance Account as it is running pretty tight.

Next Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet on March 17, 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 6:58 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Friedland