

**Finance Committee
Selectboard
February 15, 2017
Town Offices**

The regular meeting of the Finance Committee and Selectboard of the Town of Whately was called to order on February 15 at 6:00 pm by the Chair, Paul Antaya. Present were Finance Committee members Dan Kennedy, Tom Mahar, Jim Kirkendall, Fred Baron and Joe Zwenski; Selectboard members, Paul Newlin, Jonathan Edwards and Fred Orloski; Town Administrator Brian Domina and Administrative Assistant, Maryellen Cranston.

Motion was made, and seconded, to approve minutes of the Finance Committee meeting from February 8, 2017, Vote was unanimous.

Review the following FY18 department budget requests:

Cultural and Recreation Services – Discussion occurred regarding how many people actually use the beach. Brian will ask the Town of Deerfield to provide the past couple years of financial data. Discussion occurred regarding other uses for the property. Jonathan reviewed the Rec Commission's budget. The bulk of the budget is needed for maintenance of the fields. Discussion occurred on the plan for maintaining the school's gym floor going forward. Marlene Johnson reviewed the South County Senior Center's budget and activities. A request was made to know how many Whately residents use the Center. The budget spreadsheet as presented will be checked for accuracy. Darcy Tozier reviewed the Cemetery budget. More money is needed to help maintain the cemeteries going forward. Within 5 years, the lawn mower will need to be replaced.

Public Health – Fran Fortino reviewed the Public Health budgets. Discussion occurred regarding the grant received for the paper compactor. Recycling and hazardous waste day procedures were reviewed. The Wickles contract will be renegotiated next year. The Town will need to replace the compactor if Wickles does not receive the new contract. Even if they do receive the contract, it may be beneficial for the Town to purchase a compactor.

Unclassified – Brian reviewed Temporary Loan Interest, Reserve Fund, Franklin Regional Council of Governments, Physical & Tests, Town Vehicles-Fuel, Vaccinations and Educational Incentives.

Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the meeting – Fred presented a draft agenda for a proposed informational session on Town Hall funding. March 1st will be the first time to discuss a comprehensive look at the overall budget. The request for firefighter's gear can be reduced by \$12,000.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:21 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Domina, Town Administrator

Document List

Cultural/Recreational Budget Spreadsheets

Public Health Budget Spreadsheets

Unclassified Budget Spreadsheets

Draft Town Hall Update and Financial Planning Meeting Agenda

Whately Elementary School FY2018 School Committee Proposed Budget