

**Whately Finance Committee
Whately School Committee
September 19, 2017
Town Offices
6:00 PM**

The joint meeting of the Finance Committee and the School Committee of the Town of Whately was called to order on September 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM by the Chair, Paul Antaya. Present were Finance Committee members Fred Baron, Joe Zewinski, Tom Mahar, Bob Fydenkevez, Dan Kennedy and School Committee members Bob Halla, Maureen Nichols and Katie Edwards.

Motion was made by Tom Mahar and seconded by Fred Baron to approve the minutes of July 19, 2017. Vote was unanimous.

Education Funding & FY19 Budget Process: Paul provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Finance Committee. Bob Halla provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the School Committee. Bob Halla provided an overview of the how the School Committee oversees the school budget. The two Committees discussed how they could cooperate and work together on future school budgets. The Finance Committee expressed concerns about receiving the full school budget at its meeting with the school administration. The two committees discussed strategies for managing the school budget. Brian provided a brief overview of education spending by the Town and school choice revenue since 2012. The two Committees agreed to work together on future budget reviews.

Discussion on Hiring: Brian provided an overview of the hiring that will take place by the Town for a Senior Operator/Laborer or Operator/Laborer position and the Administrative Assistant position. The Finance Committee discussed the two positions briefly and had no objections to filling the positions.

FY19 Capital Planning Process: Brian provided an overview of the capital planning process and put forth some ideas on how to improve the capital planning process that will in turn lead to better financial planning.

Compensatory Time: The Finance Committee discussed the level of compensatory time accrued to date for town employees and discussed the merits of whether compensatory time should be allowed for employees. The Finance Committee agreed with the Personnel Committee that no action should be taken at this time, but the amount of compensatory time should be monitored closely.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:46 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Brian Domina, Town Administrator

Document List

08/09/17 Memorandum from Brian Domina
Compensatory Time Handout
Education Funding Handout