

**Whately Finance Committee**  
**September 9, 2021**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Remote Meeting via Zoom**

Finance Committee Attendees: Paul Antaya, Dan Kennedy, Jim Kirkendall, Tom Mahar, and Patty Devine.  
Other Attendees: Town Administrator Brian Domina.

The meeting was opened at 6:00 pm by the Chairperson Paul Antaya.

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of July 8, 2021. Motion was seconded. Roll call vote – Patty – yes, Dan – yes, Jim – yes, Tom – yes, Paul – yes. Minutes approved

Paul briefly reviewed the total health insurance costs, eligible employees and number of employees taking health insurance that Brian provided in a spreadsheet. The Town has 40 employees eligible for health insurance and 24 employees taking health insurance (15 school and 9 town). This information can be used by the Committee members to add these costs to their department budgets.

The Committee briefly reviewed the Town population number (1,537) and who is included that count (residents vs. property owners). Brian noted that Whately is one of the few communities that actually increased in population over the last ten years in Franklin County.

Paul and Patty discussed finding a time to meet after the meeting to discuss the best way to report on overall compensation. The Committee had previously discussed looking at compensation by department, but it was discovered that there are a large number of small payments being made and that it made more sense to look at overall compensation and to track that number each year.

Jim will take the health insurance costs and apply those to the work he had done already on Town Government budgets. Tom will do the same for Police and Fire – adding the health insurance costs to those budgets. Brian reminded the Committee that the spreadsheet has a breakdown of health insurance costs by department.

Paul is going to follow-up with Bobby to see what information he has gathered about costs at the Whately Elementary School.

Paul reported that Whately has 71 students enrolled at Frontier. With a total cost to the Town of \$996,436 for Frontier that calculates to a cost per student of \$14,034. Frontier had provided him a cost per student number of approximately \$24,000. The Committee discussed the different numbers and speculated that the cost per student provided by Frontier likely takes into account state aid, grants and other funding sources resulting in the higher cost per student.

Dan will take the health insurance costs and add those to the Highway Department budget to calculate a cost per road mile.

Brian will attempt to find out a more accurate number of employees for both the town and school.

The Committee decided to meet next in October.

**Items not anticipated within forty-eight (48) hours of the meeting**

None

The Finance Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Domina, Town Administrator

Next Meeting: TBD