

Town of Weston

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 31, 2019

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town of Weston, which was duly called and posted in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was held on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at the Weston Police Station. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present for the meeting were:

Finance Committee: Lisa Reitano – Chair, John McDonald, Karen Meslin, James Jarrett and John Sallay.

Also Present: Lisa Yanakakis, Assistant Town Manager/HR Director, Susan Kelley, Finance Director, Zoe Pierce-Treasurer/Collector. Monyette Vickers, Brook School Apartments Director, Jenn Warner, Library Director, Mignonne Murray, Council on Aging Director. There were no resident comments.

1. James Jarrett was appointed to serve as Secretary *pro-tempore* and charged with keeping the minutes of the meeting. The minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2019 were unanimously approved.
 - a. Brooks School Apartment Budget was presented by Lisa Yanakakis and Monyette Vickers. The budget was kept level from the prior year. Monyette, having recently started in the role, introduced herself to the Finance Committee and provided an overview of her background. She also reviewed areas that she was monitoring for capital spending needs such as lighting and drainage. Additionally, she mentioned that the space formerly occupied by the Weston Media center was being evaluated for new uses.
 - b. The Library budget was presented by Jenn Warner. Salaries for union employees are negotiated through FY 2020. Administrative salaries declined from last year due to newer personnel in various positions. The overall budget is currently expected to increase approximately 2.1%. The timing of the Weston Arts and Innovation Center (“WAIC”) was reviewed with a potential soft opening in the spring.
 - c. FY20 Unclassified Budget was presented by Lisa Yanakakis and Susan Kelley. They reviewed benefits, insurance and debt related expenses. They provided further detail on self-insured policies for police and firefighters workers’ compensation insurance as well as unemployment insurance expenses. They discussed contributions to the Middlesex Retirement Fund which is expected to be fully funded by 2035. Debt service and OPEB items were reviewed and discussed.
 - d. Mignonne Murray presented the Council on Aging (“COA”) and provided an overview of a survey of 55+ residents of Weston. The budget included a request for increased time for a part-time office assistant.
 - e. The Finance Committee discussed how to evaluate and address the school budget. Data was presented, questions were asked and further discussion ensued.

A motion to adjourn was made, duly seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Jarrett