

Town of Weston

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 30, 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, May 30, 2019 at the Weston Town Hall. 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, Gerard Jansen, Ellen Richstone, Bharath Venkataram and John Sallay.

Also Present: Doug Gillespie-Town Moderator, Susan Kelley, Finance Director, Zoe Pierce- Treasurer/Collector, Mignonne Murray- Council on Aging Director, Marge Ackerman-Council on Aging

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 March 28, 2019 were unanimously approved.
2. There were no resident comments.
3. Recently elected Town Moderator, Doug Gillespie discussed appointments for new terms, requested any Finance Committee members wishing to be re-appointed to notify him and that he would be considering others interested in serving on the Finance Committee. Mr. Gillespie discussed the role of the committee, the desire for the committee to provide deeper analysis to the Selectmen on a significant issue or two each year as well as skill-sets that would be beneficial to the committee.
4. Mignonne Murray, Council on Aging Director and Marge Ackerman presented the recently completed UMass survey and its methodology. There was a 29% response rate of Weston citizens 55+. 48% of households in Weston have at least one member 60 years or older. Ms. Murray and Ms. Ackerman discussed the needs of Council on Aging constituents. [see [Needs Assessment Study \(PDF\)](#) and [Study Results Presentation \(PDF\)](#)]
5. The Finance Committee discussed the status of various 40B projects including those at 751 Boston Post Rd, 518 South Ave and 104 Boston Post Rd.
6. The Finance Committee discussed a resident letter regarding tax rate classification for business property taxes. After further discussion, the committee believed that more information was needed on the impact of any changes.
7. The Finance Committee discussed future projects and assignments for those projects which included the recreation plan, health insurance (Lisa Reitano), metrics for police, fire and DPW (Ellen Richstone & Gerard Jansen), Schools and 40B impact (James Jarrett).

A motion to adjourn was made, duly seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Jarrett