

Westhampton, MA Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Westhampton Town Hall

January 24, 2024

Meeting Called to order at 7:05pm

In attendance were FinCom Board members: Marilyn Witherell, Tad Weiss, Scott Stanton, Jeremy Durrin (notetaker), Jennifer Milikowsky, Steve Holt, Richelle Hurd (via Zoom).

Also in attendance: Doug Finn

Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 17, 2024. It was MOVED by Durrin
SECONDED by Stanton.

VOTE: Approved: 7-0-0

- **Select Board Expense -**
 - Overall increase of \$300 in the budget.
 - \$500 increase to "Travel / Dues / Training" to send new selectboard members to MMA Conference if they desire.
 - Putting this budget on a hold until Doug finds out more info on the line item "Personnel" and what it's been used for.
- **IT Support -**
 - 7% budget increase
 - Still don't have the Northeast IT contract for FY 25 but will have that information before Town Meeting.
 - Doug is confident his budget is accurate but is looking at ways to decrease the overall increase.
- **Reserve Fund -**
 - Level funded at \$20,000. Will discuss in more detail as we get closer to deliberations.
- **Board of Health -**
 - Level funded at \$500.

Capital Planning Discussion

Steve Holt discussed the capital planning excel sheet focusing on the next couple years where there are a couple large purchases on the horizon. Bill Jablonski (Highway Superintendent) will need to discuss in more detail to the finance committee on the need for these purchases so we can better understand the large expenditures.

Motion to adjourn by Witherell at 8:30pm. Seconded by Stanton.

VOTE: Approved: 7-0-0