Westhampton Finance Committee Meeting Minutes March 5, 2019

Meeting opened at 7:02 pm

Present: Tom Cleary (chair), Peter Montague, Mary Cleary, Steve Holt, Steve Gagne, Sarah Mulvehill, Jackie Brodeur, Tad Weiss, Joe Pipczynski, and Chevy Seney (secretary)

Also present: Brian Mulvehill, Lynn Blair, and Mikki Nevins (Library), Maureen Dempsey (Selectboard), Chief David White (Police), and a representative from Northeast IT Systems.

Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on February 19, 2019 was passed.

Vote: 8-0-2

Vote: 10-0-0

New Business

Budget Planning FY20

Northeast IT Systems representative clarified details regarding a ".com" vs. ".gov" domain. This recurring expense would be part of Line 94.

The Library (Line 48) budget proposal was reviewed. It will be posted on the library website.

Chief White presented the proposed Police Department budget (Line 65). Officers' compensation will need to be revisited. Looking to the future Chief White would like to hire two new part time officers. He is, also, exploring the purchase of Tasers and his budget includes the expense for equipment and training for two Tasers in Capital Expenses. The committee was curious as to whether the SRO at Hampshire Regional could be part of the HRHS budget. This is a question for Principal Smidy.

Next meeting will be with the Council on Aging, the Schools, and Fire/EMS.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Motion to Adjourn at 8:12 was approved.

Respectfully submitted, Chevy Seney