

Westhampton Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

4/8/2021

Meeting began at 7:00PM on Zoom.

Attending: Mary Cleary (Chair), Steve Holt, Pat Miller, Sarah Mulvehill, Andy Klyman, Barbara Pelissier, Jeremy Durrin, Tad Weiss, Jake Antosz (Secretary).

Vote to accept meeting minutes from 4-1-2021: **VOTE** 9-0-0

General Discussion: Line 184 Over under levy limit goal is to get this within \$10,000.00 dollars.

Discussion on Budget line items:

Line items for town salaries: Finance Committee is recommending a 2.5% increase across the board.

Line 21: Software costs went up, dues and training also increased.

Line 39: Snow removal is the only line where we can overspend.

Line 41: Increase due to extra support person at the transfer station. This position could possibly be longer term.

Line 48: School budgets are increasing at higher percentages. There are many of different calculations that go into these budgets, including student enrollment, as well as population Increases/decreases in town.

Line 51: Vocational tuition, this is a base estimate number. Money that is not used goes back into free cash.

Line 80: Plumbing and electrical inspector is the \$6,000 line. Line 81: Building Commissioner and inspectors are the \$28,000 line.

Line 80 and 81: Building commissioner salary, this position actually covers 3 different people and also includes the electrical and plumbing inspector. Increase here is due to an increase in the number of hours required for these positions.

Line 85-87: These positions are going out for a search. This number is a rough estimate.

Line 97: Debt for the Public safety building design, the idea here is to roll this money into the highway pickup to make the borrowing process easier. \$34,370.00 is for the highway truck with the building design debt for 5 years.

Free cash

Use \$130,000.00 of free cash to bring the levy limit to \$6,253.00.

Voting on Finance Committee Recommendations

Lines 1-30 **Vote:** 9-0-0

Lines 34-42 **Vote:** 9-0-0

Lines 48-55 not including line 54 **Vote:** 9-0-0

Line 54 Raise **Vote:** 8-0-1

Lines 59-62 **Vote:** 9-0-0

Lines 66-90 **Vote:** 9-0-0

Lines 97-117 **Vote:** 9-0-0

Lines 123, 128, 135, 136 **Vote:** 9-0-0

Lines 141-154 **Vote:** 9-0-0

Lines 158,159,172,174 **Vote:** 9-0-0

Vote to adjourn meeting 9:50 PM: **VOTE:** 9-0-0.

Respectfully,
Jake Antosz