

Westhampton Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

1-31-22

Attending Members: Tad Weiss, Pat Miller, Jeremy Durrin, Marilyn Witherell, Barbara Pelissier, Steve Holt, Jake Antosz. Also attending: Tom Martin, Ann Marie O'Reilly, Julia Lennen, Angela Griefen, Meaghan Schwelm Amy Landau.

Meeting began 7:05pm.

Accept Meeting minutes from previous meeting, motion to accept meeting minutes from January 01-24-22: Vote: 6-0-1.

Board of Health: Tom Martin: Expense line item, primarily a placeholder for unanticipated expenses.

Foothills health district: Foothills budget for Westhampton represents 24% of the foothills budget.

320,000 is the actual total of grant money that the foothills health district has received to assist in their operations. Most of the district costs are attributed to staffing of 3 part time and one full time staff. Funds will also assist in moving to an online permitting system, and digitization of board of health records for septic, well, etc. After grant runs out, that could be an increasing expense for the town in the future.

Council on Aging: Amy Landau: COA salary increase to 6,000.00 for the town's portion of this salary. Newsletter expenses for the COA split between 7 hill towns, Westhampton's share is about 4,901.00 of the total. Budget asking for 5,500.00 due to increase in printing costs, and individuals over 60 in town.

Library: Ann Marie, Meaghan Schwelm, Angela Griefen: Reduction in hours for Library Director to 35 hrs. per week, about 47,000.00. Youth Services position has no change in hrs. Custodian position, this amount will increase due to minimum wage increase, TBD. New position for Sub Librarian, this position is a support role for the library staff. This position will fill in for scheduling, etc. and so that there are at least 2 people working in the library during hours. This position would require just under 6,000.00.

Question for heating oil, heating oil for all town buildings is put out to bid each year and is the same price for all town buildings.

It would be beneficial to have a laptop for library staff for programing, etc. so that staff does not need to use their own devices.

Westhampton has 489,000.00 of ARPA money. Can be spent for a wider array of things than originally anticipated. We have 2 years to spend this money.

Feb, 7pm joint school budget presentation/next meeting date.

Meeting adjourned 8:54pm. Vote: 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Antosz

