

Westhampton, MA Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2023

**Meeting commenced at 7:00pm in person at Town Hall**

Attending members: Tad Weiss, Steve Holt, Jake Antosz, Marilyn Witherell, Scott Stanton, Barbara Pelissier, Jeremy Durrin (notetaker). Also, in attendance Doug Finn, Deane Bates, Morley Cleary, Peter Cleary, Ian Stith

**Transfer request** for \$1000.00 from Reserve fund to Assessors Expense Line.

Vote to accept request - 6-0-0

**Elementary Budget** presented by Dean Bates

- Overall increase in the budget is 17.44% before offsets which include School choice, Circuit Breaker Funds, Preschool Revolving, 240 Grant, ESSER II and Rural Aid.
- Actual percentage seen by the town is 2.51% with an increase of \$50,878.07
- Moving forward over the next several years the school should strategize to increase school choice money while potentially reducing staff over the next 3-5 years.

Vote to accept meeting minutes from April 5th Meeting **7-0-0**

**General discussion regarding town bylaw** change for the number of required finance committee members. The committee agreed to have new bylaw to change quorum rules to be a majority of the sitting members on the committee.

**Tree Warden budget** discussion to figure out how to budget for the estimated \$100,000 expense to catch up on tree work in town which has reached a critical level.

**Vote to adjourn meeting 8:55pm 7-0-0**