

Westhampton Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2018

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

Present: Tom Cleary (chair), Mary Cleary, Peter Montague, Steve Gagne, Jackie Brodeur, Steve Holt, and Chevy Seney (secretary)

Motion to accept minutes from the February 27th meeting was approved. Vote: 5-0-1

New Business

The Selectboard, James Huston, Arthur Pichette, and Phillip Dowling, made FY19 budget presentations for:

- Town Offices
- Town Hall Repair (\$6000). The current repair estimate is \$4500.
- Counsel Fees (\$20,000). Discussion indicated that Selectboard may vote to raise the request to \$30,000.
- Salary of the Administrative Assistant (\$36,425). The increase is based upon an estimated increase of 2.5 hours per week. A suggestion was made to include directions on the Town website that encourage the public to contact the Administrative Assistant to make an appointment between the hours of 9am to 1 pm.
- Salary of the Police Chief (\$29,701). Selectboard may vote to raise the request to \$32,246.

The committee requested an up-dated budget spreadsheet for reference at the next meeting.

Steve Holt shared information from the Capital Planning Committee regarding the Feasibility Study for a potential Safety Complex. On Monday March 12th at 6:00 pm the Planning Committee will explore possible financing strategies for a Safety Complex.

Next week's meeting will be with the Building Inspector and the Schools.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2018 at **7:00**

Motion to Adjourn at 8:47 was approved. Vote 7-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Chevy Seney