

Westhampton Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2018

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

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

Also present: Phil Dowling (Selectboard), David Blakesly (Highway Department), and Cheryl Provost (Administrative Assistant).

New Business

Welcome to two new board members; Sarah Mulvehill and Tad Weiss.

Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on May 12, 2018 was passed.

Vote: 4-0-3

Discussion regarding the IT Planning Budget included a recommendation from the Selectboard (Phil D.) to use “an in-house server” at an estimated cost of \$18,000. This option should be able to cover the needs of the Town for about five years. A motion to raise the FY19 recommendation for line 111 and Article 17 from \$13,000 to \$18,000 was made and seconded. Discussion regarding the motion included comment about the “timing of the request for money.” Members were concerned that the request for this expenditure was not included in the proposed budget for FY19 when it was presented by the Selectboard during the development of the FY19 budget. The motion passed.

Vote: 5-1-1

An appropriation transfer within the Highway Department budget was presented by David Blakesly. In order to facilitate the reuse of recycled asphalt, a motion was made to transfer between appropriations in the following manner: \$15,000 from Road Machinery Fuel, \$2,000 from Road Machinery Building, and \$3,000 from Road Machinery Maintenance to Highway Materials.

A total transfer of \$20,000 was approved.

Vote: 7-0-0

A request was made to transfer between appropriations for Building Inspector expenses; primarily travel expenses. A motion was made to transfer \$900 from Unemployment to Inspector Expenses. The motion passed.

Vote: 7-0-0

Two Articles for the Special Town Meeting, as recommended by the Selectboard, were reviewed.

Article #1: To transfer from Free Cash to the Snow Removal Account an amount of \$35,201.46. A motion to approve Article #1 as presented was approved. Vote: 7-0-0

Article #2: To transfer from Free Cash a sum of money to Counsel Fees. A motion was made to transfer a sum of \$10,621.42. This is the amount of the most recent invoice for counsel fees. The Committee is aware that Cheryl P. anticipates more bills related to counsel fees. The motion passed. Vote: 7-0-0

Clarification was made on the nature of the anticipated expenditures for Line 12, "Field Rev Conversion." It is associated with a state mandated computer conversion that is slated to occur in October of 2018.

Reminder that Town Meeting will reconvene on Monday June 25th

Next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Feasibility Committee for the Safety Complex.

Next Meeting: Monday August 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Motion to Adjourn at 8:14 was approved. Vote: 7-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Chevy Seney