

Westhampton Finance Committee Meeting
February 7, 2017

Meeting opened at 7:04 pm

Present: Tom Cleary (chair), Steve Holt, Mary Cleary, Jackie Brodeur, Ed Zawacki,
Joe Pipczynski, and Chevy Seney (secretary)

Motion to accept the minutes from the January 10th meeting was approved.

Vote 5-0-1

The *Beacon* and *Municipal Financial Data from Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation* are available for review.

New Business

Town departments presented proposals for FY18 budget.

Tree Warden (Steve Holt) explained the request for \$200 increase.

Public Library (Lynn Blair, Maureen Dempsey, and Mikki Nevins) reviewed lines from the FY18 requests. They explained that there may be a need to use some Library Building Fund money to repair/replace furnace(s) that have been chronically malfunctioning.

Fire, EMS, and Safety Infrastructure (Chief Chris Norris) reviewed all lines from three budget request documents which were all “level funded” proposals. Chief Norris would like to replace the town ambulance and has applied for a grant to facilitate this capital expense. Another upcoming capital expense is the Public Safety Feasibility Study (~\$40,000). Smaller, but necessary, upgrade to the bathroom in the public safety complex is on Chief Norris’ FY18 maintenance plan. Chief Norris expressed concern about the potential for “unanticipated large expenses for repair on the public safety building” in FY18.

Police Department presentation needs to be rescheduled. (Meeting cancellation January 24th)

Next Meeting: February 28, 2017 at 7:00

Motion to Adjourn at 9:12 was approved. Vote 7-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Chevy Seney