



SELECTBOARD
TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON
TOWN HALL
1 SOUTH ROAD
WESTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01027

May 14, 2016

The meeting convened at 8:20AM.

Present were Art Pichette, Jim Huston, and Phil Dowling. Also present were Cheryl Provost, Bill Tracy, Moderator; Tom Cleary and Chevey Seney, Finance Committee.

Reviewed the articles of the Annual Town Meeting and discussed motions. Cheryl reported that new Smith Vocational special education tuition enrollment figures were submitted after the Selectboard and Finance Committee last met, memos were previously emailed to the Selectboard and Finance Committee Chair. Also, the Collector's expense account requires an increase for the SoftRight Collector's software support. Discussion ensued regarding salaries. The proposed increases are 1.5%, other than contracted amounts of the school and highway crew. With the decrease of vocational tuition, Phil requested revisiting salaries and discussing an additional 1% increase. After some discussion it was voted 2-1 to motion to table article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting until the re-convened session. This will allow the Selectboard and Finance Committee to review the overall budget and discuss salaries in a posted open meeting. Phil will act on Articles 5 and 13. Art will act on Articles 16, 20, and 21. Finance Committee will act on Articles 12 and 19.

Adjourned meeting at 9:00 a.m. and will not re-convene following Annual Town Meeting.

Approve: _____
Arthur Pichette, Chair

James Huston, Clerk

Philip Dowling