



Town Of Webster

Massachusetts

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Finance Committee

350 Main Street
Webster, MA 01570

Sarah Sansom, Chairman
Laura Backus, Vice-Chairman
Matt Fitton, Secretary
Courtney Friedland, Recording Secretary

Michael Finamore
Jennifer Findlay
Joshua Sterczala

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2021

Webster Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, MA
via conference call in accordance with Governor Baker's
emergency "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the
Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20
6:00 p.m.

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Sarah Sansom at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Conference Call.

Present: Sarah Sansom (via conference call), Laura Backus (via conference call), Jennifer Findlay (via conference call), Joshua Sterczala (via conference call), Matt Fitton (via conference call) Michael Finamore (via conference call), Monique Pierangeli (via conference call), Ruthann Goguen (via conference call), Town Administrator Doug Willardson (via conference call), Town Accountant Timothy Bell (via conference call), and Finance Committee Secretary Courtney Friedland (via conference call).

Governor Baker issued an Executive Order modifying certain requirements of the Open Meeting Law, to enable public bodies to carry out their responsibilities while adhering to public health recommendations regarding social distancing. The Executive Order relieves public bodies from the requirement in the Open Meeting Law that meetings be conducted in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body through adequate, alternative means.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Michael Finamore, seconded by Laura Backus, to approve the meeting minutes of March 11, 2021.

Vote: Joshua Sterczala – yes, Michael Fianmore - yes, Matt Fitton – yes, Laura Backus – yes, Laura Backus – yes, and Sarah Sansom – yes.

School Budget Presentation

School Superintendent Ruthann Goguen and Business Manager Monique Pierangeli went through the PowerPoint Presentation (attached).

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Willardson did not have any updates at this time.

Town Accountant Budget Reports

Timothy Bell did not have any updates at this time.

Grant(s) Project Updates

Town Hall

The Town Hall Project started at the beginning of this month. Staging has been set up around the Town Hall.

Audit Committee

The audit is complete. There will not be a Management Letter this year. It was requested that the Audit Committee be more involved next year.

School Building Committee – Update

The School Building Committee is making progress. They are trying to access what direction to go in after it was found out that they will not cover the whole project.

Personnel Advisory Board – Update

The Personnel Advisory Board met with Department Heads. They have a few recommendations. They are meeting weekly.

Capital Project Planning

There are no pressing projects at this time.

Next Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee will meet on April 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the auditorium at the Town Hall.

Adjournment

Motion by Michael Finamore, seconded by Laura Backus, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Vote: Jennifer Findlay – yes, Joshua Sterczala – yes, Matt Fitton – yes, Michael Finamore – yes, Laura Backus – yes, and Sarah Sansom – yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Friedland