Finance Committee
350 Main Street
Webster, MA 01570

Nick Adamopoulos, Chairman
Sarah Sansom, Vice Chairman
Michael Finamore
Courtney Friedland, Recording Secretary

MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2019

Present: Nick Adamopoulos, Laura Backus, Matt Fitton, and Sarah Sansom

Absent: Michael Finamore & Shawn Williams

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Nick Adamopoulos at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen Meeting Room in the Town Hall.

Meeting Minutes

The Finance Committee will hold off on approving the meeting minutes until the next meeting.

Town Administrator’s Update

The school transportation budget exceeded has been exceeded by $225,000. The State Assessments (School Choice and Special Education) increased from $90,000 to $330,000 per month. The town is fortunate to have surplus to cover between Town and School. However, there will be no expense balance to become free cash.

Water Filtration Plant Update

Matt Fitton attended the meeting but due to an emergency, the meeting was postponed to a later time. The back ordered price of equipment has been received and the plant should be operational in September. There are no big issues with the budget at this point.

FY20 Committee Goals

Nick Adamopoulos will circulate the goals through email and the central shared folder.

FY19 Finance Committee Reserve

Mr. Willardson would like to use the FY19 Finance Committee Reserve Fund to pay for engineering services for the sidewalks from Burger King to Walgreens. Once the engineering is
done the Town can apply for a grant to cover the cost of construction. The FY19 money has already been encumbered.

**Motion:** made by Matt Fitton, seconded by Laura Backus to authorize the Town Administrator to use the Finance Committee’s Reserve Fund for the purpose to pay for Engineering Services for sidewalks between Burger King and Walgreens

**Vote:** Matt Fitton – yes, Laura Backus – yes; Sarah Sansom – yes, and Nick Adamopoulos – yes.

**Capital Plan Discussion**

Mr. Willardson passed out the Capital Plan spreadsheet. It was the Committee’s consensus that the Town should reevaluate the list. The Town doesn’t need to be put the situation when things happen all at once again. Mr. Fitton suggested having a sponsor for Memorial Field which would allow naming rights. This would provide an additional source of revenue. Ms. Backus suggested implementing electric meters. This would eliminate stickers and having to staff the beach.

**Schedule Next Meeting**

The Finance Committee will meet on August 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. for their regularly scheduled meeting and to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** made by Matt Fitton, seconded by Sarah Sansom to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

**Vote:** Matt Fitton – yes, Laura Backus – yes; Sarah Sansom – yes, and Nick Adamopoulos – yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Friedland