

TOWN OF WEBSTER

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Michael Finamore, Chairman
Sarah Sansom, Vice Chairman

Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts 01570

MINUTES January 14, 2016

Present: Joe Beresik, Mike Finamore, Earl Gabor, Stanley Lenky, Bobby Phillips, Sarah Sansom, Carole Marchand

Absent: Jim Bazinet, and Julie Dell'Anna

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM on Thursday, January 14, 2016 by Chairman Finamore in the Selectmen's meeting room in the Town hall.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Stanley Lenky and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 3rd meeting. Earl Gabor asked Bobby Phillips name be added as "absent." ***Changes were noted and vote was unanimous; motion carried.***

The first order of business was taping of meetings

Taping was taken away not as a threat or a punishment but to protect both the town and the members of the finance committee due to members going off topic and talking about personnel issues. Selectman Bourque will put taping of meetings on the next Selectmen meeting agenda. Discussion went on to finance committee and Interim TA and Town Accountant having a shared responsibility to the town and each other to get information to each other.

Budget:

Ms. Leduc has requested 3 budgets from all department heads; level funding, level services, and a budget with a 10% cut. These budgets will be given to us upon receipt and will be in compliance with Town Charter time line.

Earl Gabor asked for breakdown on budget between salary and non-salaried employees. Ms. Leduc agreed that was a good idea and would get us that breakdown along with union/non-union payroll. ***Motion was made by Mr. Gabor and seconded to put the discussion of the budget dates and deadlines on the agenda for February. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.***

Town Administrator Report:

Interim T/A Leduc is working on a 5 year capital plan which will be given to us with budget report.

All town union contracts are expiring June 30, 2016. Ms. Leduc is preparing for negotiations and expects to have new contracts in place for July 1, 2016. She will be using a bargaining team to negotiate as in past years.

Chairman Finamore asked if members of the personnel board would be allowed to listen in on the negotiations without being able to add anything and without being able to convey negotiations to others. Ms. Leduc said no.

Motion was made by Chairman Finamore and seconded to review bylaws to see if personnel board had a right and an obligation to be at negotiation meetings. Vote was unanimous; motion carried.

Correspondence -None

Transfers – None

New Business

School budget was discussed. Mr. Beresik said he asked Mr. Avlas for a breakdown of the requested 13.5% increase. Mr. Avlas will supply us with that.

Old Business - None

Items Unknown at Time of Posting – None

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on **Thursday, February 4th at 7:00 PM in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room in the Town Hall (based upon approval).**

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Carole Marchand *(filling in for Secretary)*

Michael Finamore, Chairman - Accepted