

TOWN OF WEBSTER
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Michael Finamore, Chairman
Sarah Sansom, Vice Chairman

Town Hall, 350 Main Street, Webster, Massachusetts 01570

MINUTES
March 24, 2016

Present: Joe Beresik, Neil Dixon, Mike Finamore, Earl Gabor, Stanley Lenky, Carol Marchand, Bobby Phillips and Sarah Sansom

Absent: Jim Bazinet and Julie Dell'Anna

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 24, 2016 in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room in the Town Hall by Chairman Mike Finamore. A moment of silence was held in memory of the Town's Veteran Agent's wife and the Deputy Fire Chief's mother who recently passed away.

Budget

Mr. Beresik commended Ms. Leduc for having the budget completed and available to answer questions. Ms. Leduc said the budget will go forward in May at the Town meeting. Ms. Leduc has met with Mr. Avlas and Dr. Malkas and there will be an increase in Chapter 70 to \$845,000. Ms. Leduc stated she has \$100,000 in salary and will fund the increase with reserves.

The Police/Clerical/DPW units are in bargaining stage right now. She stated there will be changes in health insurance; employees will pay an additional 15% and agreed that non-union is a priority as they have not had an increase in four years. Bylaws require the Town fund the increase which is the reason she has \$100,000 in salary. Ms. Leduc mentioned it was nice to be with the same firm to conduct the audit and not have to take additional time when starting with someone new. Ms. Leduc said she will get the information regarding the Public Hearing for the Finance Committee. She stated the Charter Review Committee has been formed and they met last week (Mr. Gabor is a member of the committee). She also noted the Town Hall is open Monday evenings to be able to better serve the public.

Correspondence -None

Transfers -None

Old Business - None

Items Unknown at Time of Posting-None

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 in the Selectmen's meeting room in the Town Hall with the Board of Selectmen and School Committee. There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.

Christine Jackel, Secretary

Michael Finamore, Chairman - Accepted