

Minutes of the

Weare Finance Committee

Wednesday, 29 January 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.

In attendance were (from right to left as seen by the audience): Neal Kurk, Christine Hague, Megan Thellen, Matt Whitlock (secretary), Nicole Herbst, Tammi Hagman, Gary Evans, Tom Clow, Lori Davis (chair), James Drury, Tom Downing, Dennis Aubin, Keith Erf. No members were absent.

Tom Downing moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with amendments. Gary seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Matt moved to make all Google documents shared with the committee by the secretary henceforth publicly accessible from the start. Lori seconded. The motion passed, 9-1-3.

Jackie Coe, superintendent of SAU24, and Zach Lawson, chairman of the John Stark Regional School Board, addressed the committee regarding the John Stark Regional School District warrant. The school resource officer (SRO) article has been removed from the warrant, and the district does not intend to pursue an SRO this year. The district has committed to not asking to fund the CIP trust fund next year as a consequence of capturing the \$467,646 in one-time state money this year. Zach shared draft language for a mailer explaining the one-time funds capture.

Lori moved to defer deliberation of the articles until after all presentations have been made. The motion passed, 9-4.

Jackie addressed the committee regarding the Weare School District warrant. She clarified that the full-day kindergarten feasibility study would include studying using the current space and also that the study would go to an RFP and might come in for less than \$75,000, with any remainder going back to taxpayers.

Tom Clow moved to recommend John Stark article 3, the operating budget. Chris seconded. The motion passed, 11-2.

Keith moved to recommend John Stark article 4, the capture of one-time revenue from the state. Gary seconded. The motion passed, 13-0.

Tom Clow moved to recommend Weare Schools article 3, the operating budget. Gary seconded. The motion passed, 7-6.

Keith moved to recommend Weare Schools article 4, the capture of one-time revenue from the state. Tom Clow seconded. The motion passed, 12-1.

Tom Clow moved to recommend Weare Schools article 5, the feasibility study of a new building. Tammi seconded. The motion failed, 5-7-1. Matt moved to recommend against Weare Schools article 5. The motion passed, 7-5-1.

Lori called a brief recess to the meeting at 9:08pm.

Tom Downing moved to recommend town Article 11, the marked police cruiser. Lori seconded. The motion passed, 12-1.

Tom Clow moved to recommend town Article 12, the unmarked police cruiser. Tom Downing seconded. The motion passed, 12-1.

Tom Clow moved to recommend town Article 4, the proposed operating budget. Gary seconded. The motion passed, 8-4, with Dennis abstaining.

Matt moved to change the committee's recommendation on town Article 18, the HVAC units for town buildings, to not recommend. Lori seconded. The motion failed, 5-8.

The Weare Schools deliberative session is on Wednesday, February 5, at 7:00pm. The John Stark deliberative session is Friday, February 7, at 6:30pm. The town deliberative session is Saturday, February 8, at 9:00am. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, at 6:30pm, to finalize the mailer, which is due February 14.

Lori adjourned the meeting at 11:39pm.