



# Town of Weare NEW HAMPSHIRE

Town of Weare Finance Committee

October 11th, 2023, 6pm

Members			
X	Tom Clow (Chair)	X	John Merva
	Elizabeth Evans	X	Maria Fossiano (Secretary)
	Gary Evans	X	Bill Anderson
	James Drury	X	Tom Flaherty
X	Jon Morton (Town Moderator)	X	Naomi Bolton (Town Administrator)
X	Janice Mathews (Vice Chair)	X	Lori Davis
X	Karie Tepper		

	Agenda Topic	Discussion
1.	<b>Introduction/ Swearing in to Committee year 2023-2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order 6:15pm by Moderator Jon Morton</li> <li>Moderator gave intro for 2023-24 year, including social media and Ethics Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policies handed out to members and signatures obtained</li> </ul> </li> <li>Moderator swore in members: Tom Clow, Tom Flaherty, Maria Fossiano, Janice Mathews, Karie Tepper, John Merva</li> <li>Moderator turned meeting over to previous chair, Tom Clow</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Election of Officers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Janice Mathews nominated Tom Clow for Chair, 2nd by John Merva, motion carried unanimously</li> <li>John Merva nominated Mathews for Vice-Chair, 2nd by Tom Clow, motion carried unanimously</li> <li>Janice Mathews nominated Maria Fossiano for Secretary, 2nd by John Merva, motion carried unanimously</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Subcommittee Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clow suggested everyone read Finance Committee Ordinance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Located on town website</li> <li>Contains intricacies committee needs to follow</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sub-Committees were assigned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weare School: Bill Anderson, Lori Davis</li> <li>John Stark School: Tom Flaherty, John Merva, Karie Tepper</li> <li>Town: Tom Clow, Janice Mathews, Maria Fossiano</li> </ul> </li> <li>Jon Morton inquired as to whether or not a member of the Ethics Committee could join the Finance Committee if they step down from the Ethics Committee?</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committee saw no issue with the member joining but Jon would need to appoint individual to committee</li> <li>• Jon Morton additionally inquired as to whether school budgets should align with the elections and if the elections should be move to May? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not a topic that this committee can weigh in on formally</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.	House Keeping/ Dates for Future Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill Anderson arrived 6:27pm. Moderator swore him in.</li> <li>• Lori Davis showed up 6:32pm. Moderator swore her in.</li> <li>• Deliberative session (Town Meeting) is scheduled for Feb 3, 2024</li> <li>• Weare School Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Weare School Board Meetings will be on October 17th, November 28th, and December 19th</li> <li>○ Committee to send Bill any questions they may have for the school board</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Student Population at Weare Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ John Stark now has an additional 8 students</li> <li>○ Weare Middle School down 35 students</li> <li>○ Weare Elementary school down 27 students</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Next Meeting Wednesday Nov 1, 2023, 6:30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Should be a short meeting</li> <li>○ Committee will re-visit sub committees, meeting days/times, and plan for future presentations to the committee</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Committee encouraged to subscribe to town email distributions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="https://www.weare.nh.gov/subscribe">https://www.weare.nh.gov/subscribe</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Janice Mathews motioned to adjourn, John Merva 2<sup>nd</sup></li> </ul>