

Weare Finance Committee Minutes for 20 January 16

1. The Weare Finance Committee met at the town offices on Wednesday 20 January at 7pm. Members in attendance were Lori Davis, Matt Whitlock, Bill Anderson, Keith Erf, Stephen Wallace, Peter Mennis, , Rochelle Pitkaniemi, and Gregg McDowell.

2. Business. The purpose of the meeting was to review and provide recommendations on the draft town and school warrant articles in preparation for the deliberative sessions scheduled for the first week in February. Town administrator Naomi Bolton and Finance Director Beth Rouse were present to provide information as needed on the town warrant articles. The following action was taken on the warrant articles:

a. Town Articles.

1. DPW Garage-Bond. Recommended (Vote 8-0).

2. Town Operating Budget. Not Recommended (Vote 0-8). The Committee cannot support the 3.4% increase of the proposed budget versus the current year budget. In further discussion with the town administrator It was the consensus of the committee that we would be inclined to support a proposed budget if additional cuts could be made to reduce the increase to 2%.

3. Police - Collective Bargaining Agreement. Not Recommended (Vote 0-7-1)

4. Town Non-Union Raises. Recommended (Vote 8-0)

5. Government Building and Maintenance Fund. Recommended (Vote 5-3)

6. Per Diem EMS. Recommended (Vote 8-0)

7. Ambulance. Recommended (Vote 8-0)

8. Forestry Vehicle. Recommended (Vote 7-1)

9. Jaws of Life. Recommended (Vote 7-0-1)

10. Police Department 3 Additional Officers. Not Recommended (Vote 0-7-1)

11. Police Cruisers Replacement. Recommended (Vote 6-2)

12. Road Construction. Recommended (Vote 7-1)

13. Loader Replacement. Recommended (Vote 8-0)

14. Skid Steer Replacement. Not Recommended (Vote 0-8)

15. Chase Park Renovations. Recommended (Vote 5-3)

16. Bolton Field Development. Not Recommended (Vote 0-8)

17. Library Increasing Staff Hours. Not Recommended (Vote 0-8)
18. Cemetery Construction. Recommended (Vote 4-3-1)
19. Cemetery Improvements- Expend from Trust Funds. Recommended (Vote 8-0)
20. Hazardous Waste Day. Recommended (Vote 7-1)
21. Fireworks for Weare Patriotic Celebration. Not Recommended (Vote 2-6)
22. Conservation- Town Forrester. Recommended (Vote 8-0)
23. Conservation Expenditures from Town Forest Account. Recommended (Vote 6-0-2)
24. Firing Range Safety Improvements. Not Recommended (Vote 1-7)

b. Weare School District.

1. Proposed Operating Budget. Recommended (Vote 7-0)
2. Collective Bargaining Agreement - Teachers. Recommended (Vote 7-0-1)
3. Special Meeting if Teachers Contract Defeated. Not Recommended (Vote 8-0)
4. Support Staff Contract. Recommended (Vote 5-3)
5. Special Meeting if Support Staff Contract Defeated. Not Recommended (Vote 8-0)
6. Special Education Trust Fund. Recommended (Vote 8-0)
7. Building Maintenance Trust Fund. Recommended (Vote 8-0)

c. John Stark School District.

1. Proposed Operating Budget. Recommended (Vote 7-0)
2. Support Staff Contract. No vote taken. The Committee requests contract provisions be clarified before taking action.
3. Special Meeting if Support Staff Contract Defeated. Not Recommended (Vote 7-0)
4. Special Education Trust Fund. Recommended (Vote 7-0)

3. Calender.

a. Deliberative sessions are scheduled as follows: Weare School District 2 Feb 7pm in the WMS Cafeteria; John Stark School District 4 Feb 7pm at the JSHS Cafeteria; Town Budget 6 Feb 9am at the WMS cafeteria.

b. Finance Committee will meet Wed 27 Jan 7pm at the town offices to finalize comments supporting warrant article recommendations in preparation for the deliberative sessions. The Committee secretary will forward draft comments on warrant article recommendations to committee members prior to 27 Jan.

Bill Anderson
Secretary