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Town of Weare Finance Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of January 19, 2011

This meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Conservation Committee Room of the Town Office and was called to order by the chairman at 7:05 p.m.

Present were Jill Dagenais, Gregg Elwood (chairman), Johnna Grzywacz, Neal Kurk, John Rauscher, Ike Shepard, and Mark Sullivan.

1. **Minutes:** on motion by Ike, seconded by John, the minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2011, were approved.
2. **Budget hearings:** members discussed the three budgets hearings, did rough calculations of tax impacts, and noted for both school districts over the past six years the increase in budgets and in per pupil costs despite declining enrollments. The impact of special education costs on this data was noted.
3. **Action plan:** members discussed possible recommendations and the way in which these would be made. With respect to budget articles in the deliberative sessions, it was decided to propose specific line item reductions in each budget. Members are to email their suggestions to Gregg by Saturday morning. After approval by members at the next meeting, the proposed reductions would be emailed to the several boards for their consideration, explained to voters in flyers to be distributed at the sessions, and presented orally by the chairman when called upon by the moderator. Reasons supporting the recommendations would be included in both the flyers and the oral presentations.
4. **Recess:** after agreeing on the need to review (a) proposed budget reductions and (b) warrant articles, the chair recessed the meeting at 9:25 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 23, 2011, in the Conservation Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal M. Kurk, Secretary