DRAFT Town of Weare Finance Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of January 7, 2015

A meeting of the 2014-15 Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, in the Conservation Committee room in the Town Office.

Present were Kate Cloud (chairman), Keith Allberg, Keith Erf, Neal Kurk, Rochelle Pikaniemi, Matt Whitlock, Steve Wallace and Susan Windsor. Also present from the Weare School Board was Marjorie Burke and Town Administator Naomi Bolton

1. Call to order. Kate called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings of Note

Public Hearing of the Weare School Board *Tuesday January 13, 2015 at* 7:00 *PM* Weare Middle School

Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday *January 14, 2015 at 7:00PM* review Town Budget Weare Town Hall Conservation Room.

Public Hearing with the Town Selectman for Warrant Articles is scheduled for *Monday January 19, 2015 at 7:00PM*.

Meeting of the Finance Committee with the District School Administration on *Tuesday January 20, 2015 at 7:00PM* Weare Town Hall Conservation Room.

Finance Committee Meeting *Wednesday January 21, 2015 at 7:00PM* Weare Town Hall Conservation Room.

Town Deliberative Session is **Saturday January 31, 2015 at 9:00AM** at the Weare Middle School

Weare School Budget Deliberative Session is *Tuesday February 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM* Weare Middle School

John Stark Deliberative Session is *Thursday February 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM* John Stark High School

2. The Town Administrator briefly highlighted for the Finance Committee Members area of major increase expected in the proposed budget totaling approximately \$247K ;

- a. Insuarance Increase of approximately \$193K over current cost of \$193K
- b. Workmans Compensation Increase of approximately \$23K over current cost of \$58.8K
- c. Lawn Care increase for the Town Property of approximately \$15.5K over current cost of \$18.5K
- d. Unemployment Insurance increase of approximately \$7.9K over current cost of \$19.8K
- e. Town Administrator base annual salary increase of approximately \$8.5K.
- f. Also of note is Legal Cost ot remain approximately the same
- g. Non Union town employees a proposed increase in salary pool of 2%
- h. Fire Chief, increase to 32 hours per week and salary increase to \$30.00 per hour from \$22.06

3.**Weare School.** Marjorie briefly reviewed budget issues they are anticipating a potential increase of approximately 2.3%

3. **Next meeting and adjournment.** The next meeting was set for January 14, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the Conservation Room. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Allberg, Secretary