

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 09-13-17

1. The Weare Finance Committee held its initial meeting for 2017-18 at the Town Offices on Wednesday 13 Sep at 7pm. Members in attendance were Matt Whitlock, Lori Davis, Bill Anderson, Keith Erf, Neal Kurk, Gregg McDowell, Jeff Brown, and Travis Corcoran. Also present was Town Moderator John Foss who swore in all members present.

2. Business.

- a. Membership. Moderator Foss noted with the loss of Stephen Wallace there are only 8 current members on the committee. The Town Finance Committee Ordinance requires 9 to 13 members. As we move forward, all members were encouraged to solicit additional membership so the committee can formally function in the 2017-18 budget season.
- b. Administrative. Last year's chairman Matt Whitlock stepped down as chair. Lori Davis agreed to chair meetings until the committee can reach its required membership level and positions can be officially voted on.
- c. Video Recording. Moderator Foss brought up for discussion the subject of the town recording our committee meetings in order to broader disseminate information to town residents. Recordings are done with Board of Selectmen, CIP and other town committees. Finance meetings are not presently recorded. Response from committee members was mixed. Main objection was recording would dampen honest and frank discussion which has been a hallmark of our meetings over the years. These members felt our final recommendations on warrant articles, which are distributed to the residents, are adequate. Some members also stated they would step down from the committee if meetings were recorded.
- d. Committee Assignments: Below members should check the town and school websites for scheduled meetings and attend meetings involving budget issues; interim chair Davis will float amongst the following:

CIP	Anderson, Erf, Brown
Town	McDowell, Corcoran
Stark SB	Kurk, Whitlock
Weare SB	Erf, Brown

3. Meetings. A consensus of members was Wednesday evenings would work best for future meetings. Next meeting will be scheduled as determined by Interim Chair Davis.

4. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 830pm.

Submitted

Bill Anderson, Secretary