

1. The Weare Finance Committee met at the Town Offices on Wednesday 25 Oct at 7pm. Members in attendance were Lori Davis, Matt Whitlock, Keith Erf, Neal Kurk, Gregg McDowell, Bill Anderson, Ellen Dokton, and John Vanloendersloot. Also present were Town Administrator Naomi Bolton, Finance Administrator Beth Rouse, Selectman Jan Snyder, and Weare School Board Rep Marge Burke.
2. Administrative.
  - a. New Members. Ellen Dokton and John Vanloendersloot were welcomed as new members. They were sworn in by Moderator John Foss earlier this month. The Committee now has ten(10) members.
  - b. Positions. Lori Davis was appointed Chairman, Matt Whitlock Vice Chair, and Bill Anderson Secretary for the upcoming budget cycle
  - c. Committee Assignments. Ellen Dokton was added to Weare Schools; John Vanloendersloot to Town.
3. Business.
  - a. Schools. Chairman Davis, having met with SAU, summarized some of the budget issues for the upcoming year. There will be two(2) teacher contracts up for renegotiation . Weare and John Stark Teachers. Last year's proposed John Stark teachers contract was not approved by voters. Building maintenance/energy and how those services are handled by the SAU/boards will require close review. Health insurance premium increases are expected to be minimal this year with a maximum increase of 2.6% (note: Town increases are also expected to be minimal at 0.6%). Chairman Davis also encouraged committee reps to ask questions at school board meetings in regard to budget issues. Marge Burke noted the Weare School Board's next meeting is 11/21 for Budget Preview for Weare Schools.
  - b. CIP. Bill Anderson and Keith Erf summarized CIP projects which were brought forward out of the CIP Committee; the projects total \$1.03M. The Planning Board will be reviewing those proposals next week. CIP Committee Chairman Jack Dearborn will be scheduled to attend our next meeting and present the proposals.
  - c. Video Recording. Unlike other town selectmen and committees, finance committee meetings are not recorded. For the benefit of new members the committee had a frank discussion of the pros and cons of recording our meetings. On the one hand, some members feel recording would allow broader dissemination of what went into committee decisions. On the other, some members feel recording would dampen honest and frank discussion which has been a hallmark of our meetings over the years. No further action was taken.
4. Next Meeting. 7pm Wednesday 8 November at the Town Offices with CIP Committee Chairman Jack Dearborn.

Bill Anderson - Secretary