

Minutes of the

# Weare Finance Committee

Wednesday, 12 February 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

In attendance were (from right to left as seen by the audience): Neal Kurk, Christine Hague, Matt Whitlock (secretary), Megan Thellen, Nicole Herbst, Tammi Hagman, Tom Clow, Lori Davis (chair), Tom Downing, James Drury. Gary Evans, Dennis Aubin, and Keith Erf were absent.

Tom Clow moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with no amendments. Chris seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee reconsidered the Weare Schools article regarding a space needs study, which was amended at Deliberative Session to remove the constraint to full-day kindergarten so that the study would address the needs of the entire district. Although one of the committee's concerns was addressed by the amendment, the issue of the tax rate impact remains.

Tom Clow moved to recommend Weare Schools article 5, the space needs study. Megan seconded. The motion failed, 5-5.

The committee considered whether to remove the words "Marked" and "Unmarked" from the police cruiser blurbs. By a contentious vote, with no formal motion, the committee determined to leave the blurbs unchanged.

Neal moved to not recommend town article 18, the HVAC units for town buildings. Lori seconded. The motion failed, 3-7.

There was a discussion that the tax rates summary table at the top of the mailer contains so much information as to be confusing. The consensus of the committee was to place the full table in the minutes (see next page) and to reduce the mailer table to the same format as used last year.

Lori adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.

		2019	2020		
		Approved	All “No”	All “Yes”	F.C. Rec’d
Town	This Year	4.43	3.55 [-19.8%]	5.11 [+15.2%]	5.05 [+13.9%]
	Recurring		3.63 [-18.1%]	4.21 [-4.9%]	4.21 [-4.9%]
Weare Schools	This Year	9.29	7.95 [-14.5%]	9.23 [-0.7%]	9.14 [-1.6%]
	Recurring		8.85 [-4.7%]	9.14 [-1.6%]	9.14 [-1.6%]
John Stark	This Year	6.68	6.31 [-5.5%]	6.74 [+0.9%]	6.74 [+0.9%]
	Recurring		6.68 [-0.1%]	6.74 [+0.9%]	6.74 [+0.9%]
<b>Town &amp; Schools Total</b>	<b>This Year</b>	<b>20.40</b>	<b>17.81</b> [-12.7%]	<b>21.07</b> [+3.3%]	<b>20.93</b> [+2.6%]
	<b>Recurring</b>		<b>19.16</b> [-6.1%]	<b>20.09</b> [-1.5%]	<b>20.09</b> [-1.5%]