

**WEARE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 24, 2019**

1. The Weare Finance Committee met on Thursday 24 January at 7pm at the Town Offices. All Committee members were present except Gregg McDowell. Also present were Town Administrator Bolton, Finance Administrator Rouse, Board of Selectman Chair Hippler, additional members of the Select Board, Weare School Board Chair Burke, Fire Chief Vezina, and Public Works Department Head Knapp.
2. Business. Administrator Bolton briefed the Committee and provided information on reductions in the Town proposed budget totaling \$80K. The revised proposed budget of \$6,116,300 now represents a 1.4% increase over the 2018 approved budget.
  - A. Preliminary voting on Town Warrant articles was as follows:
    - 1.) Article 3 Road Preservation and Rehabilitation Bond. **RECOMMENDED (11-1)**
    - 2.) Article 4 Town Budget. **RECOMMENDED (11-1)**
    - 3.) Article 5 Non Union Pay Raises. **RECOMMENDED 12-0)**
    - 4.) Article 6 Public Works Employee Raise. **RECOMMENDED (11-1)**
    - 5.) Article 7 Hiring 2 Full Time EMT/Firefighters. **RECOMMENDED (8-4)**
    - 6.) Article 8 Standby Pay for On Call FF/EMT. **RECOMMENDED (11-1)**
    - 7.) Article 9 ACO Increased Hours/Wages. **RECOMMENDED (12-0)**
    - 8.) Article 10 School Resource Officer. **NOT RECOMMENDED (1-11)**
    - 9.) Article 11 Additional Full Time Police Officer. **NOT RECOMMENDED (3-8-1)**
    - 10) Article 12 Library Extended Hours. **RECOMMENDED (8-2-2)**
    - 11) Article 13 Additional Police Cruiser. **NOT RECOMMENDED (3-9)**
    - 12) Article 14 Fire Chief's Vehicle. **RECOMMENDED (8-4)**
    - 13) Article 15 Fire Department Rescue Boat. **RECOMMENDED (10-1-1)**
    - 14) Article 16 Thermal Imaging Equipment. **RECOMMENDED (12-0)**
    - 15) Article 17 Plow Truck. **RECOMMENDED (12-0)**
    - 16) Article 18 Skid Steer. **RECOMMENDED (8-4)**
    - 17) Article 19 Road Reconstruction. **RECOMMENDED (12-0)**
    - 18) Article 20 Bridge Reconstruction Capital Reserve. **RECOMMENDED (12-0)**
    - 19) Article 21 Parks and Rec Engineering Study. **NOT RECOMMENDED (1-10-1)**
    - 20) Article 22 Reroof Public Safety Complex. **RECOMMENDED (11-1)**
    - 21) Article 23 Cemetery Improvements. **RECOMMENDED (12-0)**
    - 22) Article 24 Fireworks. **RECOMMENDED (6-4-2)**
    - 23) Article 25 Forest Management/Planning. **RECOMMENDED (11-0-1)**
    - 24) Article 26 Town Forest Purchase. **RECOMMENDED (9-1-2)**
  - B. Following the town warrant article voting, the Committee reviewed the total tax impacts of School/Town recommendations in consideration of conservative revenue estimates provided by the town/schools. Following the Committee's recommendations the tax rate would increase from \$23.03 per thousand to \$25.24 per thousand evaluation. Noting the sizeable increase the following articles were reopened for discussion with re-votes as noted. Overall recommendations were not affected:
    - 1.) Weare Schools - Article 3 Proposed Budget. **RECOMMENDED (8-4)**
    - 2.) Weare Schools - Article 5 Paraprofessional Contract. **RECOMMENDED (10-2)**
    - 3.) Stark - Article 4 Support Staff Contract. **RECOMMENDED (10-2)**
    - 4.) Stark - Article 3 Operating Budget. **RECOMMENDED (7-4-1)**

5.) Town - Article 7 Full Time EMT/Firefighters. **RECOMMENDED (8-4)**

3. Administrative.

- A. Supporting Comments. Chairman Davis tasked Committee members Kurk, Anderson, and Erf to develop draft supporting comments reflecting the voting on each article. Draft comments to be distributed to Committee members prior to our next meeting.
- B. Draft minutes for the 10 January and 16-17 January meetings were approved.
- C. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 30 January at 7pm to review and approve draft supporting comments, which will be distributed at deliberative sessions. The sessions are scheduled as follows: Weare Schools Wed 6 Feb 7pm at the WMS Cafeteria, Stark Fri 8 Feb 7pm at the Stark Cafeteria, and Town Sat 9 Feb 9am at the WMS Cafeteria.

4. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 958pm.