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Town of Plympton Finance Committee Minutes
Monday, May 13, 2020
Via Tele-Conference

The meeting was called to order at: 5:35 p.m. via *Free Conference Call*

Members In attendance: Nathaniel Sides (NS), Kathryn Shepard (KS), Steve Lewis (SL) arrived at 7:15 p.m., Michael Lemieux (ML) and Marilyn Browne (MB).

Also calling in were Barbara Gomez (BG) town accountant and Coleen Morin, town treasurer/collector.

Approval of Minutes

Date	Motion by	Seconded by	Vote
April 27, 2020	ML	KS	Unanimous

A meeting was held with the board of selectmen on May 18, 2020 where concern was expressed about budget increases because of the pandemic causing so much uncertainty about local and state revenues going forward for the next several years. Therefore the creation of another budget scenario that would have only 1.6% overall increase would be created. The budget lines were reviewed by the town administrator and NS before the meeting thereby creating Plan B a proposed budget for discussion at the next FinCom meeting. It reflects a 1.6% increase in salary lines with the elimination steps and merit increases, and a 1.6% increase in all other possible budget lines.

The committee reviewed the Special Town Warrant (STM) articles as well as the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) articles effecting finances. All members agreed with the STM articles.

Regarding the ATM, a figure is requested for the total cost of a new Ambulance, Article 16, and BG said she would find that number for the committee. FinCom will look more into the Middle School resource officer, Article 22. The general consensus was that the committee was in agreement with all ATM finance articles with the exception of Articles 33, to establish Natural Resources fund and 34 to transfer \$5,000 to the Two brooks Preserve Fund.

It was decided to ask the schools to also keep their salary line increases to an overall 1.6%.

The FinCom will vote on the budget, STM and ATM articles when it remotely meets with the Board of Selectmen on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: at 7:33 p.m. by ML, seconded by KS, unanimous vote in favor.

Next meeting: Monday May 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Browne, Secretary