

Town of Plympton Finance Committee Minutes
Monday, March 4, 2019
Plympton Town House, Plympton, MA

The meeting was called to order at: 5:10 pm

Members In attendance: Nathaniel Sides (NS), Kathryn Shepard (KS), Steven Lewis (SL), Lisa Hart (LH) and Marilyn Browne (MB)

Also working with the FinCom were Elizabeth Dennehy, town administrator and Barbara Gomez, town accountant. Representing the school district were Silver Lake Superintendent Blackwood, Christine Healey, business manager, Jason Fisher Plympton's representative to SLRSD, and representing the Dennett School Committee were Jon Wilhlemsen and Jill Palenstijn. Representing the fire department was Fire Chief Stephen Silva.

Approval of Minutes

Date	Motion by	Seconded by	Vote

Transfers

Transfers from Reserve Fund Line 800	Motion	Second	Vote

Dennett School:

Special Ed is being taught in house as much as possible and there has been little fluctuation in recent years.

Projected large incoming kindergarten class is 40 students. They are projecting a total of 200 to 221 students for the upcoming year.

They are asking for \$7,000 for the revolving fund for special education account to reach its cap of \$47,000. It could be saved and used when needed.

Potential Town Meeting Articles:

1. Roof needs repairs and it is not eligible for state reimbursement for 7 more years. They may need to spend \$10,000 to patch it until eligible for a new roof.
2. A floor polisher for \$5,500 is needed.
3. A copier need replacement for \$8,500.

Silver Lake Regional School:

Presented a proposed level service budget with no increases in staff. Plympton's required net school spending per the state is \$1,868,520 an increase over last year of \$110,125. The total draft budget for the town is \$2,502,643.70 an increase of \$143,003.36 or 6.1%.

Water is infiltrating the roof and they are trying to get 25 years from the existing roof. They will try to get a grant from the MSBA (Mass School Building Authority) for \$8 million to reroof the two buildings. Through the use of E&D (Excess and Deficiency), that has \$1.1 million, they expect to use \$783,000, \$400,000 of which will be used to patch the roof.

Net metering is bringing in approximately \$200,000 a year which makes them comfortable spending the \$783,000 on their capital plan.

Plympton Fire Department:

Chief Silva presented his proposed budget and warrant articles:
Total proposed budget is \$566,000. Utility costs have been moved out of the Department.
Department is looking to have a 3rd full-time fire fighter.

Potential Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

1. Free standing addition metal building connected to the fire station for \$280,000. FinCom would like a professional opinion on this proposed structure. Chief believes it would last 10 years and could be incorporated into any potential future fire station improvement.
2. Chief's command vehicle would be a 4 door truck with a cap and cabinetry with a radio system, etc. Barbara Gomez suggested it be a lease purchase to spread the cost over 4 years. It is expected to cost \$65,000 to \$68,000.
3. LUCUS CPR automated device for \$17,000. Chief has submitted a grant for this item and if successful this article would be passed over.
4. Gas meters, 3 at \$1,000 each, one for the fire engine, the proposed new truck and for one ambulance.
5. Thermal Imaging Camera, 2 at \$3,000 each.

Town Administrators looking into the cost of supplies for all the town buildings. She is reviewing the communications bills to seek the best possible deal, perhaps bundled, and also looking into a fiber optic network that runs down route 58. She will be meeting with the Kingston town administrator tomorrow and one topic will be the proposed SLRSD budget.

Town warrant closes on March 21st so we will schedule our next meeting after the close and begin meeting with the selectmen about the upcoming town meeting budget and warrant articles.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Motion to Adjourn: at 7:17 pm per motion by LH, seconded by SL, unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Browne, secretary