

Town of Plympton Finance Committee Minutes
Monday, February 26, 2018
Plympton Town Hall, Plympton, MA

The meeting was called to order at 5:49

Members in attendance: Nathaniel Sides (NS), Lisa Hart (LH), Kathryn Shepard (KS), Steven Lewis (SL), Eric Hart (EH)

These minutes shall be considered a record for the Capital Improvement Planning Committee as well as the Finance Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Date	Motion by	Seconded by	Vote
February 12, 2018	SL	EH	Unanimous

Jon Wilhelsen, Super Intendent Blackwood and members of the School Committee presented the Dennett School Budget.

Budgets include funds for new generator, additional cost for water treatment system, professional development training for younger teachers and additional hours for custodial work. These were offset by School Choice and vocational line surplus. Looking to add to the Special Ed Fund which is limited to 2% of the operating budget. Requested capital improvements for the current budget of \$31k for a new phone system, in the next 1-2 years \$35K for key card access, and further out a new roof and playground.

Super Intendent Blackwood presented the Silver Lake School Budget.

Overall budget increase of 3.97%, but Plympton’s portion is up 8%. Some teachers are retiring and their positions are being reworked to hire staff that is a better fit for the current needs of the school. Due to the increase in the number of students attending charter schools state funding is estimated to be down \$600K. There is a special School Committee Meeting being held at 5PM on February 27 to look for any potential budget savings. SL volunteered to attend.

Elizabeth Dennehy, Town Administrator Presented the Board of Selectmen’s Budget.

Budgets includes 2 ½% increase in salaries per the Wage and Personnel recommendation plus a 2% step increase. There is a new line item for the Town Administrator for \$3,600. Requesting an increase to the custodial line item of \$6,300 for an additional 20 hours per week to take care of the Historical Society building. Looking to budget \$50K for town council and wants to try to negotiate being on retainer rather than paying per hour.

Fire Chief Borsari Presented the Fire Department Budget.

Budgets include overall 4% increase which includes increase to Chief’s salary which is currently being negotiated, increased in Fire/EMS salaries to try to retain full-time firefighters and medics, and an increase in hours for the Fire Department Clerk to 19 hours per week.

Next meeting.

The next meeting will be held March 7th at 5:45.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by SL, seconded by EH, unanimous at 8:08.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Shepard