

Town of Plympton Finance Committee Minutes
Monday March 13, 2017
Plympton Town House, Plympton, MA

The meeting was called to order at 5:50

Members in attendance: Susan Ossoff (SO), Nathaniel Sides (NS), Lisa Hart (LH), Eric Hart (EH), Marilyn Brown (MB)

Approval of Minutes

Date	Motion by	Seconded by	Vote
March 6, 2017	NS	MB	Unanimous

Budget Meetings

Board of Selectmen – submitted budgets

Library – Budget was discussed. Includes a 2+2% increase for staff and a 2% increase for director. Expenses are at level service except for a 1 hour increase to the circulation staff. The Director also discussed new service the library is offering (Hoopla and Novelist).

Police – During budget discussions the chief explained that Police services are up 2%. Expenses are up 2% which includes a small increase in uniforms, IT service contract and radio communication. Police vehicles is level funded. The DARE program is also level funded. The chief’s salary is up 2%. Only one warrant article is expected for \$15,000 for Tasers.

COA – The budget was discussed. A second outreach worker has been hired and is being paid a \$2,000 stipend from grant money. This person will be available for substituting for the senior aid driver. The slight increase in the line is due to a 2% increase in the salaries and an increase in postage.

Town Clerk – The budget was discussed. A 2+2S% increase is included for the assistant Town Clerk and a 2% increase for the Town Clerk. The department is also looking for 10 additional hours for the Town Clerk and 2 for the assistant. The expense line is up due to assistant Town Clerk now attending training meetings and an increase in supplies costs due to Public Records Requests. The election line is down due to only 1 election being held this year. A warrant article being submitted by the BOS to purchase data bases will also include the first years maintenance fees.

Building Department – The budget for all inspectors’ lines are increased due to building that is going on in town. The expense line is being broken out this year and is set at \$1,000. Building clerical has been changed to permit clerical and includes an increase from 12 to 25 hours a week. This employee will work for the building department, the conservation commission the planning board and the zoning officer.

Reserve Fund Transfer

A reserve fund transfer was submitted by the Building Department for \$4,100. This is to pay salary for clerical. This employees hours were increased from 12 to 16 hours per week. She is also working for the Conservation Commission. MB will check with the town accountant to see if there is any money in their budget to put towards this shortfall and to also see the best way to handle this. Finance committee asked that in the future we be notified earlier when a change that will definitely result in a shortfall is made.

Other Business

Finance Committee discussed the overall budget. MB will discuss with the town accountant the salary increase being requested by the Assessor.

Next meeting March 20, 2017 at 6:00

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by NS, seconded by MB, unanimous at 8:34.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Hart, Secretary