

Town of Plympton Finance Committee Minutes
Wednesday, March 21, 2018
Plympton Town Hall, Plympton, MA

The meeting was called to order at 5:46

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.

Nate Sides spoke to Town Manager about Assessors requests for 2% step increases. Policy is for first step increase to be available after employee has been in position for 1 year. Also a department must go through Wage and Personnel to add a position. As a general rule this year finance Committee will recommend that all hours stay level for the next fiscal year until the new Town Manager get a better feel for the needs of the town. This is only a recommendation.

Dennett Elementary

The school budget was discussed including money being returned to town and money being used for project in the school. There was also discussion about the small size of one class and the possibility of finance committee asking for a reduction in the budget.

Motion to recommend the Dennett Budget as submitted

Date	Motion by	Seconded by	Vote
March 21, 2018	SL	EH	The vote was 4-1 in favor of recommending the budget as submitted.

Silver Lake Regional School Budget

The school budget was discussed.

Motion was made to recommend that the school committee submit a final budget keeping increases as close as possible to 2 ½%.

Date	Motion by	Seconded by	Vote
March 21, 2018	SL	EH	The vote was unanimous.

Public Works

The department did not show up.

Council on Aging

The budget was discussed. Budgets include 2 ½ % increase in clerk’s salary per the Wage and Personnel recommendation plus a 2% step increase. They are also looking to increase the clerk’s hours by 5 to accommodate the increase in services being provided. The department will be attending the Wage and Personnel meeting to request a doubling of the Director’s pay and the addition of town funding for and outreach worker who is being paid through a grant at this point.

Building Department

The department did not show up.

Fire Department

Acting Chief Phil Curran met with us to briefly discuss the budget that was submitted to us and let us know that some changes may be coming.

Next meeting.

The next meeting will be held March 28th at 5:45.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by SL, seconded by EH, unanimous at 7:17.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Hart, Secretary