

Town of Plympton Finance Committee Minutes
Monday, September 23, 2019
Plympton Town Hall, Plympton, MA

The meeting was called to order at: 5:34 p.m. in the Upper Conference Room

Members In attendance: Nathaniel Sides (NS), Kathryn Shepard (KS), Steve Lewis (SL) and Marilyn Browne (MB). Also in attendance was Elizabeth Dennehy (ED), town administrator and Fire Chief Silva.

Approval of Minutes

Date	Motion by	Seconded by	Vote
July 2, 2019	KS	SL	Unanimous
July 22, 2019	KS	SL	Unanimous

Chief Silva informed the board of the grants (\$83,0000) and fundraising (\$92,000) have been obtained. He also discussed the historical neglected maintenance of equipment has been remedied at a cost of \$15,000 and that future costs for routine maintenance should be more predictable and less costly.

KS and ED letter to boards and departments regarding monthly budget review to reduce overspending of budgets was discussed, edited and is ready to be sent to all departments and boards.

FinCom expects Budget sheets for the upcoming year to be ready for distribution at the end of November, early December. ED will scan all original requests and forward them to the FinCom. FinCom will continue to meet with the schools, police and fire for budget discussions. FinCom requested that ED provide the number of hours and hourly rates of employees. There is a plan in place by ED to have departments pay their own utility and advertising bills. This would simply move funds for that purpose to them rather than have them centrally paid by through the selectmen for more accountability.

A letter was read from Halifax Town Administrator regarding the budget process for Silver Lake.

Police department incurred costs of \$21,000 for benefits to the former chief. It is hoped that this can be absorbed in the current police budget.

ED discussed the custodial needs of the old Town House and updating the former police station.

Linda Leddy will be invited to the next meeting to discuss Two Brooks Preserve. The capital expense plan will be discussed at the next meeting.

NS suggested that future FinCom meetings be held on the second Monday of each month (Wednesday of that week if Monday is a holiday) at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: at 6:53 p.m. by KS, seconded by SL, unanimous vote in favor.

Next meeting will be October 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Browne, secretary