

Town of Plympton Finance Committee Minutes

Monday Feb. 27, 2017

Plympton Town House, Plympton, MA

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The meeting was called to order at 6:20

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

Approval of Minutes

Date	Motion by	Seconded by	Vote
Januray 23, 2017	MB	SO	Unanimous

Upcoming meetings

- March 6th - Meeting with departments
- March 13th - Meeting with departments
- March 2nd - Silver Lake School Committee budget hearing
- March 9th - Silver Lake Public Hearing regarding sale of land to Kingston

Meeting with Board of Selectmen at 6:10 - Senator Brady spoke about the legislation regarding the sale of SLRSD land.

Budget Meetings

Board of Selectmen – No budgets had been prepared.

Dennett Elementary School – Budget was discussed. Replacement of equipment, telephone system will be removed from budget. Extra paraprofessional help is needed for special education, possibility of increasing .4 position to full time or adding another position. Any changes should effect the bottom line minimally. Currently there is a 1.62% increase from last year. Capital Planning was discussed. Water system is the top priority. Estimated cost of about \$100,000. Numbers are still being collected and school committee will get us a figure as soon as possible. Other projects, phone system and playground are being pushed back.

Silver Lake Regional School District – School committee request administration to provide a budget including all requests. Due to snow the school committee has not since met to consider cuts. Budget presented to Finance Committee included a 6.23% increase. Superintendent is thinking after cuts budget will have a 3-3.5% increase over last year. This will result in approximately a \$56,500 increase to Plympton. Capital planning was discussed. Superintendent is recommending that capital expenses come out of E&D this year. E&D currently is at about \$1.14 million and recommended capital expenditures are \$482,495. Wording for SLRSD line approval will need to include acknowledgement that E&D money will be expended. Plympton share of the budget has increased this year from 11% to 11.4%.

Fire Department – The fire chief as well as Selectman Trainor and town accountant, Barbara Gomez, met to discuss this budget. They are looking for a \$135,000 increase this year, including the hiring of two full time people. Revenue will be increase by additional ambulance money. Finance committee requested that this budget be looked at again for any possible cuts. Capital Planning was discussed. Fire department is looking for 16 sets of fire gear at \$2,000 each for a total of \$32,000. Also possible breathing equipment replacement.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by LH, seconded by MB, unanimous at 8:38.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Hart, Secretary