

Town of Plympton Finance Committee Minutes

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Monday, April 14, 2014

Plympton Town House, Plympton, MA

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9:00a.m

The meeting was called to order at:5:05 p.m. by Susan Ossoff

Members In attendance: Susan Ossoff (SO), Max West (MW), Mark Gabriel (MG) and Marilyn Browne (MB)

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
PLYMPTON**

Approval of Minutes

Date	Motion by	Seconded by	Vote
April 7, 2014	LH	MW	Accept as corrected, unanimous

Motions

Date	Motion by	Seconded by	Vote
April 14, 2014	LH	MW	After consideration the committee unanimously voted to recommend the Silver Lake Regional Budget as adjusted by Halifax's calculations which is \$88,000 less than that submitted by the Silver Lake Regional School Committee.

Other Matters

John Traynor (JT) and John Henry (JH) attended the beginning of the meeting to discuss the closing of the warrant on April 24th and the informational meeting about Town Meeting articles at the library on the morning of May 10th. JH stayed for the beginning of the budget deliberations.

FinCom will vote their recommendations on the warrant articles on the 28th and get that information to the Town Clerk by the 30th.

SO met with finance committees' chairs of the Silver Lake Regional School (SLRS) district last week. In the event that 2 of the 3 involved communities vote down the SLRS budget submitted by the school committee at town meeting, there would then be a period of 30 days for the SLRS to reconsider their budget. SL could adjust their budget down to the level voted by the Towns, or if they continue to support their original budget, the towns would then subsequently have 45 days in which to hold a Special Town Meeting. Should their resubmitted budget still not be agreed to by 2 of the 3 towns the process would continue until the end of December when the Department of Education would step in and make the budget decision the communities that they would have to accept.

FinCom reviewed warrant articles, proposed revenues and proposed expenditures. There was a discussion about possible ways to replenish the assessors' overlay account deficit for FY14 abatements.

The committee then reviewed the proposed budgets from the perspective of seeing if we could recommend providing a level service budget rather than a level funded budget.

Committee will also look into getting additional information before the next meeting regarding:

- salary and hours of the assistant assessor and clerk,
- veterans agent's budget,
- purchasing protective fire gear in FY14,
- decreasing the police vehicle line because some of it is funded in a warrant article
- funding snow and ice deficit with FY 14 money that is unspent,

- tax collector's office salary breakdown,
- verifying the SLRS budget number,
- wage and personnel salaries figures and
- debt and interest figures.

Discussion ensued about the possibility of putting some funds into the stabilization fund.

Upcoming Meeting Date: Monday, April 28, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by LH, seconded by MB, unanimous at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Browne, Secretary