Town of Plympton Finance Committee Minutes Monday, January 27, 2014

Plympton Town House, Plympton, MA

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 p.m. by Susan Ossoff

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

Matters Discussed

Dennett School is asking for clarification about the process to request funds from the CIPC Fund for their proposed water filtration system. Fund requires Selectmen and FinCom concurrence and a 2/3rds vote of town meeting. SO and MW think clarification for the use of this fund would be helpful.

SO asked MB to talk to Barbara Gomez to see what items could have come from the CIPC Fund from last year's budget to get a better understanding of how it can be used going forward.

Veterans Agent has notified SO that she anticipates a shortfall in her budget (could be \$10,000) and an additional veteran added to the roll.

Fire Department is currently submitting monthly reports of actual expenditures. (Their budget proposal is asking for a new full-time firefighter/medic. That will be discussed when FinCom meets with the department.)

Accountant Barbara Gomez gave SO a list of 2014 budget lines that are currently over-budget and could potentially be an issue going forward.

Committee reviewed spreadsheet of several budget requests received; they reflect a 3% increase to date.

SO brought up FinCom succession planning for the upcoming year.

Budget Meetings

Met with Tom Millais, Building Commissioner at 6:30 p.m. He is requesting a level funded budget with an allowance for any previously agreed to increase in clerical salary for the Building Department.

Met with John Trainor, Town Moderator at 6:55 p.m. He is requesting a level funded budget. Also discussed was a proposed informational meeting prior to town meeting to explain to taxpayers the upcoming balanced budget.

Approval of Minutes

Date	Motion by	Seconded by	Vote
Jan 6	MW	MG	Unanimous approval
Jan 13 Regional Meeting	MW	LH	SO, MW, LH, MH yes, MG abstained

Upcoming Meeting Date:

Silver Lake Regional School Budget Meeting Tuesday, January 28, 2014, in the Kingston school.

February 3rd Silver Lake Regional School Finance Committees will meet in Kingston Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

To be determined whether the FinCom will meet on Friday, Feb. 7th at 11:00 a.m. for budget meetings since not all departments scheduled can attend.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by LH, seconded by MW, unanimous at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Marilyn Browne