

**Town of Plympton Finance Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, February 22, 2016**  
**Plympton Town House, Plympton, MA**

The meeting was called to order at: 5:38 p.m. by Susan Ossoff

**Members In attendance:** Susan Ossoff (SO), Lisa Hart (LH) and Marilyn Browne (MB) and Nathaniel Sides (NS).

**Approval of Minutes**

Date	Motion by	Seconded by	Vote
Feb. 2, 2016	LH	MB	yes, LH, SO, MB. NS abstained
Feb. 17, 2016	LH	NS	Unanimous

**Motions**

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**Other Matters**

FinCom member Jean Cohen was unable to attend due to illness and we wish her well.

We reviewed new budget submissions, and put data into our spreadsheet.

6:10 p.m. met with the town clerk. Several elections this year which create an increase in the budget. Discussed an electronic ballot tabulator which the clerk determined to be a low priority this year, it will be reconsidered in the future.

6:30 p.m. met with Dennett School Committee representatives and school administrators. \$62,000 was returned to the town last June for out of district students and transportation. They reported that there is a need for a temperature control unit to replace an old one for less than \$10,000. It is likely to be a warrant article. February drinking water test at the school was within normal limits. They will put out a bid for a water treatment system in the summer and believe available funds will cover its cost. Currently looking into a video surveillance system for the school which would be connected to the police and fire departments. This will likely e a warrant article for FY17 and is their highest priority. Other items discussed were ADA playground equipment and that the parking lot and driveway need maintenance work.

7:10 p.m. met with Silver Lake School Committee members and administrators. Further budget discussions by Silver Lake will occur this coming Thursday evening. Fixed costs, such as insurance, the fact that the teaching line is 83% of the budget and controlled by contract and that charter schools are taking funds from schools are reasons the budget is increasing this year. There is a great deal of hesitancy to reduce teaching staff. They are looking at all budget lines to see where or what can be reduced. They asked for guidance from the finance committee and we will suggest that they keep Plympton at 19% of our total budget as has been the case over the last three years. That would be a reduction of approximately \$70,000.

**Upcoming Meeting Date:** February 29, 5:30 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made by LH, seconded by NS, unanimous at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marilyn Browne