

**Town of Plympton Finance Committee Minutes
Monday, February 29, 2016
Plympton Town House, Plympton, MA**

The meeting was called to order at: 5:35 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. 22, 2016	LH	NS	Unanimous

Motions

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Budget Meetings

1 Board of Selectmen and reviewed their proposed budget lines.

Capital Purchases:

Discussed permitting software but purchase will be held off for a year and a grant application will be submitted. Article to purchase land contiguous to Town House for approximately \$50,000. Possible \$25,000 article for a design consultant.

Discussed Budget Overview:

We will meet frequently to keep the BOS appraised of potential spending and tax consequences

FinCom currently thinking of not supporting any new hires or increased hours for employees for the upcoming year until town a administrator is in place and we receive recommendations from the Collins Center, BOS concurred.

2 Veterans Agent

Went over proposed budget line by line. Overall the budget is down, however should new veterans move into town that a could change.

3 Board of Assessors

Assistant assessor presented potential new growth figures and possible tax rate implications should taxes be levied to the limit (LL).

LL with debt exclusion is approx. \$9,088,111 yielding tax rate of approx. \$18.44

Possible tax rate with a 2.5% increase would be approx. \$18.10

BOA will continue to give us updated figures as they finalize their figures.

Reviewed proposed budget figures and we asked for a resubmission of the figures.

Seeking several additional hours/week for the senior clerk.

4 Fire Department

They reported a 64% increase in run calls.

They want to develop a pay range for staff with different qualifications, such as fire fighters, EMTs, paramedics, etc. This is a wage and personnel matter.

They are proposing a number of spending increases and were asked to prioritize these increases since the town will not be able to afford all of the requests. They agreed to review their proposed budget.

They have several capital request and will prioritize them as well.

Upcoming Meeting Date: March 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by LH, seconded by NH, unanimous at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Browne