

# Town of Williamsburg

## Minutes of the Finance Committee Williamsburg Town Offices 5 April 2017

Members Present: Paul Wetzel, Linda Rowley, Richard Kisloski, Charles Dudek, Steven Romanowski, Chris Morris, Eric Cerreta, Charlie Heath

Members absent: Jacqueline Dufresne  
Town Administrator, Charlene Nardi was also present.

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Paul Wetzel at 5:33 p.m.

General discussion of the budget—

Should the local school budget be reduced \$20,000? Stacey Jenkins wrote P. Wetzel that day and said that she could reduce the school budget \$15,000. P. Wetzel said that he would write and ask the school budget to be reduced an additional \$5,000.

The Committee discussed the appropriations that the town was more or less obligated to finance (education, public safety, town office staff) vs. the obligations that are mostly elective, (recreation, Council on Aging, Library etc.). Reductions or level funding of the budgets of the elective obligations may be justified some years. Another option is to have increases to budgets in these categories voted on at Town Meeting to allow voters to show their support for spending in a particular category.

Current recommendations for using free cash/stabilization funds in the FY18 budget include: \$130,000 to offset school debt peak, \$60,000 for reserve transfer, and \$53,000 to pay for the fire truck loan. Some members of the Committee expressed concern that such a large amount of money is being used from free cash/stabilization funds.

Representatives of the library are scheduled to talk to the Committee on 12 April 2017 at 5:30 p.m. The library has requested an increase of \$7,000 in its budget. Members of the Committee asked co-chair Wetzel to ask the library representatives the following questions:

1. Can out-of-town users of the library be charged a membership fee (S. Romanowski and P. Wetzel did not think so)?
2. What is the last 5 or 10 year history of monetary contributions from the community?
3. What other sources of revenue does the library receive besides what comes from the Town?

C. Nardi suggested that a request for \$500.00 for software setup by the Treasurer be put on a warrant article at Town Meeting.

Minutes from the meeting held 15 March 2017 were reviewed. R. Kisloski moved to approve the minutes; E. Cerreta seconded the motion. The motion passed, E. Cerreta abstained.

Minutes from the meeting held 29 March 2017 were reviewed. C. Morris moved to approve the minutes; R. Kisloski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held 12 April at 5:30.**

**The Capital Planning Committee meets 13 April at 6:00.**

**There is an all boards meeting on 18 April at 5:00.**

There being no further business before the Committee, C. Morris moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by L. Rowley. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Wetzel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Paul R. Wetzel