

Town of Williamsburg

Minutes of the Finance Committee Williamsburg Town Offices 23 May 2018

Members Present: Paul Wetzel, Jacqueline Dufresne, Charles Dudek, Charlie Heath, Richard Kisloski

Members Absent: Gil Loud, Eric Cerreta, Steven Romanowski, Linda Rowley

Charlene Nardi, Town Administrator was also present.

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Paul Wetzel at 5:22 p.m.

Glen Everett, member of the Board of Assessors, was invited to the meeting to discuss Article 28 on the Town meeting warrant. Article 28 reads:

Article 28 **To see if the Town will vote** to cease assessing the excise imposed under M.G.L. c.59, §8A on farm animals, machinery and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture, or take any other action relative thereto.

G. Everett stated that the taxes collected on farm machinery and animals amounted to about \$2,000 annually. To collect those taxes required a lot of the Assessors' time and the Board of Assessors did not think that the effort was worth the tax collected. C. Heath moved to support Article 28; J. Dufresne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Nardi stated that she received a request from the Hilltown Elder Network (HEN) for additional funding in the FY19 budget. The Committee considered the request, noting that \$3,500 was already budgeted for HEN in the FY19 budget. The Committee decided that it was too late in the budget process to add additional funds to a budget line and will review the funding for the HEN program next year.

The Committee reviewed additional the Town warrant articles not considered at the May 16th meeting. The following decisions were made about these articles.

Article Number	Article	Finance Committee Decision
9	To see if the Town will vote to approve a Capital Improvement Plan, as prepared by the Capital Planning Committee and approved by the Finance Committee, including recommended capital improvements for the following five fiscal years, or take any other action relative thereto.	Recommended by the Finance Committee. Moved: J. Dufresne Seconded: C. Dudek The motion passed unanimously.
13	To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §54E½, as most recently amended, to set Fiscal Year 2019 spending limits for the Revolving Funds as follows [listed in the warrant], or take any other action relative thereto.	Recommended by the Finance Committee. Moved: C. Dudek Seconded: R. Kisloski The motion passed unanimously.
29	To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen (i) to enter into an agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, in the amount of \$14,000 per megawatt (DC), which amount shall escalate at a rate of 1% percent each year, for personal property attributable to a solar photovoltaic facility located (or to be located) on privately land owned by Hull Forestlands, LP and accessed from East Street off of Goshen Road and located within Williamsburg on Assessors Map A, Lot 4, and (ii) to take all other actions necessary or convenient to implement and administrate such agreement, or take any other action relative thereto.	Recommended by the Finance Committee. Moved: J. Dufresne Seconded: C. Dudek The motion passed unanimously.

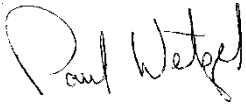
The Committee discussed the amount of Free Cash to use in this year's budget and decided to adjust the amount of Free Cash to fund the annual budget from \$172,000 to \$158,000, the same amount as last year's budget [this amount does not include the \$60,000 for the reserve transfer fund]. J. Dufresne moved to approve using \$158,000 to fund the annual budget; P. Wetzel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Town Administrator requested that the Committee make a reserve fund transfer of \$197.57 for Town internet service. The internet provider, Verizon, increase the monthly charges by \$5.00 resulting in an underfunded budget line. J. Dufresne moved to approve the transfer. R. Kisloski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes from the meeting held 16 May 2018 were reviewed. J. Dufresne moved to approve the minutes as corrected; C. Heath seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Wetzel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "P" and a stylized "W".

Paul R. Wetzel