

Town of Williamsburg

Minutes of the Finance Committee Williamsburg Town Offices 26 September 2017

Members Present: Jacqueline Dufresne, Paul Wetzel, Linda Rowley, Richard Kisloski, Gil Loud, Charles Dudek, Eric Cerreta

Members absent: Charlie Heath, Steven Romanowski

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Paul Wetzel at 5:10 p.m.

The Committee discussed and made recommendations on the articles of the revised special Town meeting warrant.

Article 1 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$30,000, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, to hire an Owner's Project Manager for pre-design services for a Public Safety Complex to be sited at 16 Main Street and the reuse of the Helen E. James for other town government purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

As discussed on the 13 September meeting, the Committee is concerned that financing the safety complex and James School renovation at this time will increase taxes to unacceptable levels and remove all flexibility from the budget. Some members again voiced the opinion that the proposed building was over designed for the needs of the community. However, the Committee recognized the need for a safety complex. E. Cerreta moved to "Take no Position" on Article 1. Motion seconded by L. Rowley. The motion passed: G. Loud, R. Kisloski, L. Rowley, E. Cerreta, and J. Dufresne voted yes; P. Wetzel and C. Dudek voted no.

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$45,000 to replace the current street lighting with LED lamps, including, but not limited to, lighting audit, system design, project design, materials and installation, and any other incidental and related work, work for which the Town is eligible for a grant, or take any other action relative thereto.


Article 3 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$6,400 for costs of conversion, yearly maintenance and support of Cash Management Software for the Treasurer, for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Franklin Council of Governments, or take any other action thereto.

E. Cerreta moved to recommend both Articles 2 and 3. C. Dudek seconded the motion. Generally the Committee saw the value of both articles. D. Kisloski noted that the cost of the street light retrofit was stated to be \$43,250, not \$45,000 as stated in the article. He felt that amount should be put in the warrant and not rounded up. The motion passed: G. Loud, L. Rowley, E. Cerreta, P. Wetzel, C. Dudek and J. Dufresne voted yes; R. Kisloski voted no.

Charlene Nardi, Town Administrator, asked that the Committee meet with the Select Board in November to discuss the budget process and set the parameters for the budget for the next fiscal year. P. Wetzel suggested that the Committee meet before meeting with the Select Board. **The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for 23 October 2017 at 5:00.**

There being no further business before the Committee, E. Cerreta moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by C. Dudek. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 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".

Paul R. Wetzel