

Town of Williamsburg

Joint Meeting Select Board and Finance Committee Minutes

In Person (Town Hall) 9 March 2023

Finance Committee Members Present: Paul Wetzel, Julia Peters, Eric Cerreta, Richard Kisloski, Melissa Zawadzki, Gordon Allen, Lisa Sheehy
Finance Committee Members Absent: Gil Loud, Charles Dudek
Select Board Members Present: Denise Banister, William Sayre
Town Administrator, Nick Caccamo
Town Treasurer, Nathan Roswarne

The meeting was called to order by P. Wetzel at 6:04 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the preliminary budget for FY 24. N. Caccamo noted that as of a few days ago none of the schools (regional, local, or Smith Vocational) had finalized their budgets. The current version of the budget (9 Mar 2023) contained level funded school values for each of the schools. G. Allen attended the school committee meeting last week and reported that the regional school assessment for Williamsburg was \$159,000. How the state assesses each Town in a regional school was asked. No one knew the state formula; L. Sheehy agreed to research the elements of the school assessment formula and report back to the Committee.

N. Caccamo presented a levy limit worksheet, noting that this year's budget has \$354,000 to grow before an override will be required. He also pointed out that this is the first year that the Town will be making payments toward the Public Safety Complex (debt \$105,000 and interest \$155,600). A general discussion of the budget ensued as members of both committees looked at the budget for the first time.

Nearly every department (Council on Aging, Clerk's Office, Police, Fire, Library, Collector, Treasurer) requested increases in their salaries. Fulfilling the labor requests from these departments increases the budget by \$50,000. These labor requests were above cost of living requests. The Committee will discuss these requests at a future meeting.

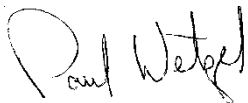
It was noted that local revenue estimates made by the accountant are consistently lower than actual receipts. N. Caccamo and N. Roswarne will discuss increasing the estimates with the accountant.

Minutes from the meeting held 14 July 2022 were reviewed. E. Cerreta moved to approve the minutes; R. Kisloski seconded the motion. The motion passed by majority; M. Zawadzki and G. Allen abstained.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held 23 March 2023 at 6:00 at the Town offices.

There being no further business before the Committee, E. Cerreta moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by G. Allen. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul R. Wetzel