

MEETING MINUTES-WEST NEWBURY
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date & Time: Tuesday January 8th, 2019 7 pm

Location : 2nd Floor Hearing room 1910 building

Gary L. Roberts Jr., Chairman, Brad Beaudoin, Forbes Durey, Nathan Kelly, Jessica Knezek, Angus Jennings in attendance

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved 4-0.

3. Consider any Late File Items

None noted.

4. Establish Budget Schedule

Durey presented a review of last year's budget season. (Please see attached summary of last years budget season summary). Durey recommended taking time to review Prior Money Articles as we did last year before the budget season gets into full swing. Jennings noted that once the budget is ready for FinCom review, it will be "his budget" and although FinCom will still be meeting with Dept. heads, most questions about the budget will be directed to him.

Durey raised concerns about the how much time FinCom will have to review the budget prior to meeting with the dept. heads. This date for completion of the budget is set for 2/15/19.

Jennings brought an example of the FinCom process from Hampden, ME highlighting how Hampden has a defined scheduled each year where each dept has a set date and time for budget review, posted well in advance of each budget season. Durey agreed with this and noted that he would like to update the 2019 suggested budget actions, items "Review Town Mgr budget 1-5) to define specifically which departments will be meeting at these times.

Durey also asked FonCom to present budget issues to Jennings that are of particular interest.

1. Funding of the towns stabilization accounts

2. Final figures for cost of the New school
3. Recycling fees updates
4. Brake hill water tower
5. Why tax bills when up 13% this quarter?

4. Adjournment

Next meeting will be 1/23/19 at 7PM