

MEETING MINUTES-WEST NEWBURY
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date & Time: Wednesday October 23rd , 2019 7pm

Location : Town Senior Center 381 Main Street

Attendees: Gary L. Roberts Jr., Forbes Durey, Brad Beaudoin, Nathan Kelly, Greg Hadden, Angus Jennings, Jim Sperelakis, Richard Parker, Steve Swallow

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from 10/15/19 approved 5-0

3. Reserve Fund Transfer request

Greg Hadden(Pentucket Facilities Management)

In 2011-2012 there was a Green Repair Program with Paige School with MSBA allowing for repair to the Paige School roof, boilers, windows (around 800) among other things.

At the 10/15/19 FinCom meeting Roberts asked, “Who purchased the cafeteria steamer unit originally? The answer is that West Newbury purchased the unit originally. Additionally, the both the Paige school lease agreement(section 6) and the Pentucket Regional School District agreement(section 8) were reviewed by Jennings who noted that any “capital items”- those with a cost of at least \$10,000 and a useful life of 5 years or more are the responsibility of the Town. Hadden confirmed that this was consistent with purchases of similar kinds in the past in West Newbury as well as Merrimack and Groveland.

Roberts and Kelly noted their ultimate support for children to have hot lunches, however Kelly felt there was ambiguity between equipment costs paid by Pentucket vs capital equipment items which are the responsibility of the Town. Kelly would like to see the language of the above documents clarified. Durey noted that perhaps the definition of a capital item should be updated to match the Town’s definitions. Hadden noted that this would require an update to the Regional Town Agreement, which would be problematic as it would require all three member towns to meet and approve the changes.

Reserve Fund Transfer request for \$17,614 to purchase new Steamer unit for Paige school
Vote 4-1 approve, Kelly dissenting

FinCom voted 5-0 to approve \$224 expense to pay for printing the 2019 Fall Town Meeting warrant.