



Ware

MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

Finance Committee Meeting

Meeting Location: Selectmen's Conference Room
Ware Town Hall – 126 Main Street

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 21, 2022

Meeting Time: 5:00 pm

Meeting Agenda items to be discussed:

1. Review of Capital Plan
2. Recap and Questions on FY 2023 Budget Requests
3. Approval of prior meeting's minutes
4. Review of any emails or correspondence since last meeting

At the time of posting of this meeting notice and agenda the above items were the only items known. Should an additional item be brought forward, unless of an emergency nature, it will be placed on a future docket. The general public is invited to this and all meetings of the Ware Finance Committee. **THERE'S AN OPENING FOR ONE (1) NEW MEMBER; APPLY ON TOWN WEBSITE (WWW.TOWNOFWARE.COM) OR WITH TOWN MANAGER.**

Submitted by

Lynn Nenni
Chairman Finance Committee

April 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Lynn Nenni, Ken Willette, Devin Peterson

Special Guests: Stuart Beckley, Town Manager; John Morrin, Selectman; Tom Barnes, Selectman; Madelyn Metzler, Student Intern; Chris Nolan, Executive Assistant; Justine Caggiano, Human Resources Director; Tracy Meehan, Town Accountant

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

Item 1) Review of Capital Plan

Madelyn Metzler presented a draft she created for a five year capital plan for the Town. The committee was generally impressed with the report and made a few suggestions including expanding the plan to ten years, identifying the source of funding for projects and identifying what projects were planned for completion in the upcoming budget.

Item 2) Recap and Questions on FY 2023 Budget Requests

The committee reviewed a number of questions they had concerning the FY 2023 budget with the Town Manager. The discussions included increasing the budgets for utilities and gas, new positions and separating the School Committee's request for desks and chairs from their operating budget. Tom Barnes commented that he would like to speak to other towns to explore joining a regional school district. The Committee also briefly reviewed the revenue and expense projection prepared by the Town Accountant and noted that if there were no significant increases to the grand list, general fund expenditures would be greater than revenues by FY 2026.

Item 3) Approval of prior meeting's minutes

Motion to approve minutes of April 6th meeting: Ken Willette

Second: Devin Peterson

Unanimously approved

Item 4) Review of any emails or correspondence since last meeting

None noted

The committee agreed to meet on May 2 at 5:30pm to make their recommendations for the FY 2023 budget and attend the May 3 Selectman meeting to discuss their recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynn Nenni

