



Ware

MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

Meeting Date: January 24, 2019

Fiscal Year 2019

Meeting Location: Selectmen's Conference Room

Present: Denis R. Ouimette, Janice E. Hills and Scott Mosso

Absent: Daniel J. O'Connor and Devin M. Peterson

Guest(s): Shawn Crevier, WPD Chief

Quorum met, meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Reserve Fund:

\$45,435.00

New Business:

Reserve Fund request in the amount of \$1,996.00 was made by Ware Police to do additional generator repairs. Funds had been allocated earlier to the same generator and since the WPD had significant additional monies available for this line item, the request was denied. Under M.G.L. Ch. 40, s.6, there are four criteria (Health, Unplanned Event, Emergency, Safety) of which at least one must be met for an approved transfer of funds. Motion to deny the transfer by Denis, seconded by Scott passed 3-0 vote. It will be recommended to the TM during budget season that the WPD budget for building maintenance. A similar recommendation will be made that the IT Department also budget for server replacement.

FinComm budget: For fiscal year 2020, the budget will be level funded again.

Term expirations: Scott has agreed to seek another appointment for a new three-year term; Dan was sick and missed the meeting, so Denis will email him asking if he'd do the same.

Annual Report: Denis will write and submit the annual report for the Annual Town Booklet.

1st & 2nd Qtr. Revenue/Expense Reports: The biggest standout was the huge (1,354%) increase in Planning Board Local Receipts due mostly to a very large increase in fees collected from solar farm permits for new installations. Another large increase was in Investment Income (276%). The Expense side of the report showed no large discrepancies; any adjustments can be done in the future via Ch. 44, s. 33B transfers.

Old Business:

Selectmen meeting dates: list was offered.

ATFC Annual Conference: No one attended last fall's meeting as no new lectures were offered.

Pathfinder open house: No one attended last fall's open house.

August 8, 2018, minutes were motioned for approval by Scott, seconded by Janice and approved by a 3-0 vote.

November 13, 2018, minutes were motioned for approval by Scott, seconded by Janice and approved by a 3-0 vote.

Next Meeting: **TBD**

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm by motion of Denis; seconded by Scott and passed by a 3-0 vote.

January 24, 2019, minutes reviewed and approved:

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