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MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee  
126 Main Street  
Ware, MA 01082

Meeting Date: March 8, 2018  
Meeting Location: Selectmen's Conference Room

*Fiscal Year 2018*

Present: Denis R. Ouimette, Daniel J. O'Connor, Scott Mosso

Absent: Janice E. Hills and Devin M. Peterson

Guest(s): none

Quorum met, meeting opened at 7:08 p.m.

Reserve Fund: **\$30,772.00**

### **New Business:**

Town Budget Review: We start the annual review of the TM's submittal to run the town based on revenues & expenses. We begin with the Recap Sheet listing estimated revenues and expenses for the coming year; these numbers come from looking at the previous year's numbers and estimating the increase or decrease for the coming year. Then, we review every department's budget line by line to see what was requested versus what the TM recommends. Questions any FinComm member has will be drafted by Denis and given to the TM for answers. These answers will explain the listed amounts and FinComm will then determine whether we agree with them or not. If not, or if further explanation is needed, a meeting with the TM will occur.

### **Old Business:**

Annual Report: Denis passed out copies of the FY'18 Annual Report to FinComm members. This will appear in the annual Town Report.

Open Meeting Law: A brief discussion about the March 6, 2018, meeting in Monson with the AG's office.

Snow/Ice Budget Deficit Spending: A copy of the letter from the TM reviewed; since passage of the Municipal Modernization Act, a simple decision by the TM is all that's necessary. A majority approval by FinComm and the BOS is no longer needed.

Pathfinder invitation: An invitation to review Pathfinder's budget was received in February with a March 1, 2018, deadline for RSVP.

Minutes of January 23, 2018, motion to approve by Scott, seconded by Dan passed on a 3-0 vote.

**Next Meeting:** March 13, 2018, with WPD Chief Crevier  
**Annual Meeting is Monday, May 14, 2018**

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm by motion of Denis; seconded by Dan and passed by a 3-0 vote.

March 8, 2018, minutes reviewed and approved:

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