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MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee  
126 Main Street  
Ware, MA 01082

Meeting Date: August 8, 2018 Fiscal Year  
2019

Meeting Location: Selectmen's Conference Room

Present: Denis R. Ouimette, Janice E. Hills and Devin M. Peterson

Absent: Daniel J. O'Connor, Scott Mosso

Guest(s): none

Quorum met, meeting opened at 7:10 p.m.

Reserve Fund:

\$55,000.00

## New Business:

**Term Renewal:** Janice has been re-appointed to FinComm for another term to expire June 30, 2021; thank you, Janice, for your continued service.

**STM Warrant Articles:** An earlier STM than usual (November being standard) is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2018. The reason is that in order to meet a grant deadline for the School Department, action must be taken before August 31, 2018. As such, there are only two (2) articles for town meeting to consider: the first is to see if the Town will agree to finance a \$9,321.25 study to the feasibility of replacing all the doors and windows at the Ware Middle School which are original to the building (c.1950); the second article is to see if the Town will agree to finance a \$35,005.00 feasibility study for replacing the two (2) boilers at the Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School which are decades old and no longer efficient. The costs to replace the 40 doors and approximately 330 windows are estimated at \$1,250,000; the cost to replace the boilers is estimated at \$265,000. The costs of the two (2) studies and the replacement work are eligible for a 78.95% re-imbusement from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Motion to support the warrant articles with an amendment that monies reimbursed by the State return to the General Fund was made by Denis, seconded by Janice and passed by a 3-0 vote.

**FinComm Subcommittee:** Denis, Scott and Devin are to meet with the Town Manager, members of the School Committee, Town Accountant and representatives of the general public to review town finances and the five (5) year plan to try to eliminate the structural deficit we have to deal with every year. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at 6:40 pm.

## Old Business:

Minutes of June 7, 2018, motion to approve by Janice, seconded by Devin passed on a 3-0 vote.

Minutes of June 21, 2018, motion to approve by Janice, seconded by Devin passed on a 3-0 vote.

Beacon: latest issue of Mass. Municipal Assoc. passed out.

Municipal Advocate: latest quarterly issue of Mass. Municipal Assoc. passed out.

Annual Dues: \$180 paid to the Association of Town Finance Committees (ATFC) by Denis.

Social Media Policy: All members are to turn in a signed receipt of the policy to Mary L. Midura, Executive Assistant to the TM.

**Next Meeting:** **Special Town Meeting (STM) Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm by motion of Denis; seconded by Janice and passed by a 3-0 vote.

August 8, 2018, minutes reviewed and approved:

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