

**Town Of West Boylston  
Finance Committee  
Meeting of May 20, 2013**

A joint meeting of West Boylston Finance Committee (Fincom) and CIB convened at 6:25 pm in the cafeteria at the town high school. Those attending were: Chris Berlund, Pat Crowley, Bill Fay, and Pete Murphy. Jim Marinelli joined late. Absent were Ray Bricault, Aaron Goodale, Greg Zakarian, and Eric Reddy.

The Town Meeting warrant articles were reviewed.

Article 9 – Sewer budget appropriation – The question about the increase in the budget was answered, a 2.5% increase over last year. A motion to approve for Fincom was made by Chris Berlund, second by Pat Crowley, and passed 4-0.

Article 10 – Omnibus budget appropriation – The final appropriation in the article was unchanged at \$21,047,384, with the school portion also unchanged at \$11,274,380. A motion to approve for Fincom was made by Pete Murphy, second by Pat Crowley, and passed 4-0.

Article 12 – Spend funds from the Capital Investment Fund – Four items are in the article. Two items, the DPW sweeper and tractor, were approved by Fincom and CIB in previous meetings. Two items, the repair to the high school Media center roof and window curbs, and the security package for the schools were reviewed. The Media center requested funding is \$88,500 for a package that excludes the portion of the high school roof problem that may be covered by a warranty. The security package requested funding is \$42,000 for changes in the schools that includes surveillance cameras and classroom door locks. A motion to approve for Fincom and CIB was made by Chris Berlund, second by Pat Crowley, and passed 4-0 for Fincom and 3-0 for CIB.

Article 7 – Authorization to transfer unexpended funds – The town administrator presented a list of funds to be transferred, with accounts to transfer from (unspent amounts) and to transfer to (additional funds needed). Questions were raised about the DPW need for funds for purchased services and supplies. The sweeper repair was given as a principal reason for the needed DPW funds. After a review with the town administrator, Fincom understood the reasons for the transfers. A motion to approve for Fincom was made by Pete Murphy, second by Pat Crowley, and passed 5-0.

Article 20 – Transfer funds for fire department computer needs – This \$5,000 item is needed due to a delay in completing the server design study. The equipment cannot be purchased now without the design. This article sets aside this money as a special expenditure to occur in FY14. This approach was taken at the recommendation of the town accounting department. A motion to approve for Fincom was made by Bill Fay, second by Pat Crowley, and passed 5-0.

Article 20 – Funds to raze Mixter building and the town pool – Fincom had already voted to oppose the article. The Fincom opposition to this article was discussed. In the capital planning presentation, Pat Crowley will emphasize the other capital spending needs. In the recommendation against the article, the points will include the inappropriate use of stabilization funds, the lack of a plan for the Mixter property, and the higher cost for the town to raze the buildings due to the prevailing wage law. (The article subsequently failed in town meeting 49-44).

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm to attend the town meeting.