Town Of West Boylston Finance Committee Meeting of June 26, 2013

A meeting of West Boylston Finance Committee (Fincom) convened at 7:05 pm in room 2 at the town hall. Those attending were: Chris Berlund, Ray Bricault, Dave Eckerdt, and Pete Murphy. Absent were Pat Crowley, Bill Fay, Jim Marinelli, Greg Zakarian, and Eric Reddy.

The activities of the FISP (facilities planning) committee were briefly discussed, including the announcement that the BBC building is no longer under consideration due to lack of response to requests from the FISP committee. The FISP will proceed considering only one building, Three Rivers.

The committee considered outstanding intra-department budget transfer requests from town departments.

The DPW made two requests: 1) \$5,000 from salary/wages to purchase highway services for vehicle and equipment maintenance. A motion to approve the transfer was made by Dave Eckerdt, with a second by Chris Berlund. The motion was approved unanimously. 2) \$5,000 from salary/wages to highway supplies for vehicle and equipment parts. A motion to approve the transfer was made by Dave Eckerdt, with a second by Chris Berlund. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Assessor requested \$735 from purchase services to salary/wages to pay a wage step increase obligation to the Administrative Assessor that was not budgeted. A motion to approve the transfer was made by Chris Berlund, with a second by Dave Eckerdt. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Town Administrator requested \$5,000 from the Finance Committee Reserve Fund to administrative purchase services for a property appraisal for the Mixter property, both with and without the existing building. A motion to approve the transfer was made by Dave Eckerdt, with a second by Pete Murphy. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was suspended at 7:20 pm to enter a joint meeting with the FISP committee in meeting room 1. There was a discussion of FISP committee work and planning. Questions from the Fincom were addressed. These discussions are included in the minutes of the FISP Committee meeting minutes. The joint meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

The outstanding vote of approval of minutes from prior meetings was postponed until the next meeting of Fincom.

The Fincom elected officers. A slate of officer candidates was presented by Ray Bricault: Ray Bricault, Chair, Pat Crowley, Vice Chair, Pete Murphy, Clerk. Other nominations were requested. No other nominations were forthcoming. The slate of officers was elected unanimously.

Parks and Recreation committee sent a notification to the Fincom that they will present to the town a plan for an upgrade to the track and athletic field at the high school. The plan is expected to require a debt exclusion vote in the spring of 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.