

**Town of West Boylston
Finance Committee
Meeting of April 1, 2014**

A joint meeting of the West Boylston Finance Committee (Fincom) and Capital Investment Board (CIB) convened at 7:08 pm by the Chair in the meeting room 1 at town hall. Those attending were Ray Bricault, Chris Berglund, Pat Crowley, Dave Eckhardt, and Pete Murphy. Aaron Goodale, Bill Fay, and Jim Marinelli were absent.

- Minutes of meeting for March 26, 2014 were distributed. A motion to approve was made by Ray Bricault. The motion was approved 4-0-1.
- Transfer of \$5000 in the DPW budget. The need by the DPW to transfer an additional \$1900 was explained in an email from the DPW Director as expenses for equipment repair. The explanation was accepted. The transfer of \$5000 was approved at the last meeting, contingent on an explanation.
- The DPW request for a Ford Explorer was discussed. The Director is entitled to a vehicle during working hours. The need for this specific vehicle was not clear. A smaller 4-wheel drive vehicle would save money. The issue will be raised with the town manager.
- Town Manager will present the initial fy2015 budget to the Board of Selectmen tomorrow night, Wednesday. Pat Crowley will attend for Fincom.
- The Town Department budget review meeting schedule was presented. Meetings will be on April 9, 14, and 16; with the Library/DPW, Schools, and Fire/Police.
- Fy2015 Town budget review: Total expenses have increased by 3.5%. Highway salaries went up \$60,000. The DPW Director will be asked for an explanation during his appearance before the committee. Town hall salaries increased \$5,000. There is a need to walk through the entire town hall budget with the Town Manager. The School budget is still in progress. Projected town revenue is expected to match the projected budget expenses.
- Review of the capital items from the last meeting:
 - The DPW capital budget was reviewed. One of the new trucks is expected to be delayed at least until the October Town Meeting.

- There will be no new police cruiser, a savings of \$33,000.
- The capital items will be reviewed in detail during the meetings between the committee and the department directors.

The motion to adjourn was made by Ray Bricault and approved at 7:57 pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 9. The library and DPW directors will attend.