

**Town of West Boylston
Finance Committee
Meeting of September 29, 2014**

The meeting was opened at 7:01 pm at Town Hall by Ray Bricault, Chair. Chris Berglund, Pat Crowley, Dave Eckhardt,, Bill Fay, Pavel Loven, Pete Murphy, and Aaron Goodale were in attendance. Jim Marinelli was absent. This was a joint meeting of Fincom and CIB.

A motion to approve the minutes of meeting of 4 September was made by Ray Bricault, and to approve the minutes of meeting of 24 September was made by Pat Crowley. Both motions were approved 5-0 with 2 abstentions.

Pavel Loven welcomed as a new member of the Fincom.

The October town meeting warrant articles were reviewed.

Article 1 – Town Reports - No Fincom or CIB report is required. Dave Eckhardt will make a report on the energy improvement project.

Article 2 – Conservation Commission Bylaw - Ray Bricault moved to offer no opinion, second by Pat Crowley. The reason for the bylaw was reviewed. The purpose is to give the Conservation Commission the power to levy fines. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0 by Fincom.

Article 3 – 40B Housing Specialist - CPC has not yet voted to endorse this warrant article. CPC will meet on October 7 to review the work of the housing specialist. CPC is likely to endorse this article. There was a discussion of the proper way to fund a housing specialist. Should this cost be in the town annual budget versus using CPC funds? Chris Berglund moved to pass over the article, seconded by Dave Eckhardt. The motion was approved 7-0 by Fincom. The Town Manager will be asked to provide information on the work completed by the housing specialist over the last two years.

Article 4 – Discussion of the article was delayed until the end of the meeting.

Article 5 – Bills from a previous year – A bill for town hall renovations of \$2000 is expected. This invoice was delayed and could not be paid in the last fiscal year. Ray Bricault moved to pass over the article since there has been no confirmation from the Town Manager, second by Pat Crowley. The motion was approved 7-0 by Fincom.

Article 6 – Sale of Cemetery lots – Money is needed for cemetery improvements. A motion was made by Chris Berglund to endorse the article, second by Bill Fay. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0 by Fincom.

Article 7 – Electronic sign - \$2000 of additional funding is required if the Light Plant contributes another matching \$2000. \$7500 was previously approved from town funds and this was matched by the Light Department. The total funding will be \$19,000, if this article is approved. A motion to pass over this article was made by

Pat Crowley pending bid and scope information from the Town Manager, second by Bill Fay. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0 by Fincom.

Article 8 – Budget adjustments. Ray Bricault moved to pass over the article, Pat Crowley seconded. No information is available. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0 by Fincom

Article 9 – Stabilization Fund – A motion was made by Pat Crowley not to endorse this article, second by Chris Berglund. The stabilization fund is fully funded. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0 by Fincom

Article 10 – Capital Investment Fund – A motion was made by Chris Berglund to endorse the article, second by Pat Crowley, The motion was approved 7-0 by Fincom, and 7-0 by CIB.

Article 4 – Capital Improvements – A request will be presented for the purchase of a Catch Basin truck by DPW for \$120,000. The Catch Basin truck requested is a mechanical truck that can plow snow, instead of the specialty vacuum truck originally requested. The question was asked about the material used in the truck bed, is it stainless steel? This question was not addressed with DPW. A motion was made by Chris Berglund to endorse the purchase of a new catch basin truck, as requested by DPW, second by Dave Eckhardt. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0 by Fincom, and 7-0 by CIB. DPW will be asked whether stainless steel is beneficial for this truck.

Fincom will meet again to discuss the open town meeting articles on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:30 pm.

Dave Eckhardt reported on the energy project. By Town Meeting, all work should be 90% complete. Work is on schedule and will meet the heating season needs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Pete Murphy
Secretary