

**Town of West Boylston
Finance and CIB Committees
Meeting of May14, 2018**

A meeting of Fincom and CIB was convened at 7 pm in meeting room 120 at town hall. Attending the meeting were Chris Berglund, Ray Bricault, Paul Bohnson, Jaime Desanti, Pavel Loven, and Pete Murphy. Absent were Bill Fay and James Marinelli,

The minutes of meeting for April 30 and May 2, 2018 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The articles remaining for review in the draft town meeting warrant are articles 6 to 9, 11 and 22. Articles 10 to 12, union contract approvals, were removed by the Board of Selectmen as unnecessary. Fincom and CIB reviewed the remaining articles:

- Article 11 – Capital Purchases – The DPW requested F250 truck with plow was reviewed. The current 2013 F150 truck would be traded in. This truck has no plow and the justification for the new truck is the ability to have an additional plow available. Fincom and CIB disagreed on the need and justification for this truck. A motion to endorse was made by Pete Murphy and seconded by Paul Bohnson. The motion was approved by Fincom 3-2-1. The motion failed in CIB 2-2-1. Ray Bricault will report the result to the town administrator.
- Article 6 – Budget Fix 2018 – After review of the requested 2018 transfers, Fincom voted 6-0 to endorse the article, moved by Chris Berglund and seconded by Paul Bohnson.
- Article 7 – Previous Year – Fincom voted 6-0 to endorse the article to reimburse \$19 to a petty cash account, moved by Pete Murphy and seconded by Paul Bohnson.
- Article 8 – Sewer Budget – Fincom discussed the Sewer budget. The questions about the retained earnings balance and the timing and impact of the rate increase remain unanswered. Fincom voted 6-0 to endorse the article, moved by Paul Bohnson and seconded by Jaime Desanti. Fincom will investigate these questions with the Sewer Commissioners after town meeting.
- Article 9 – Town Omnibus Budget – Fincom reviewed the current draft of the 2019 budget of \$24,529,378 and voted 6-0 to endorse the article, moved by Chris Berglund and seconded by Paul Bohnson.
- Article 21– Stabilization – Fincom passed over this article until more information is available before town meeting.
- Article 31 – Tax Abatement for Armed Services – The rules for the abatement were reviewed. These are set by the State and the tax is reimbursed by the State. Fincom voted 6-0 to endorse the article, moved by Chris Berglund and seconded by Ray Bricault .

Fincom and CIB have asked the Town Administrator to consider a revision to the CIB Charter to create a standard approval process for all capital purchases, including the schools. This request will be reviewed.

The town has formed a Marijuana Study Committee. There is no Fincom member. Chris Berglund agreed to be the Fincom representative. Ray Bricault will request the addition of a Fincom member.

The opportunity to fill the open seat on Fincom will be announced at town meeting and advertised.

The next meeting will be on Monday, May 21, at 6:30 pm at the High School before town meeting. Article 21, Stabilization, is the only article requiring review and a vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Pete Murphy
Secretary
Fincom & CIB