

Chester Finance Committee Meeting

4/17/25 COA room

In Attendance: Sr.Judith Dalesandro, Florence Bolduc, Brian Forgue, Bob Daley, and Nick Chiusano

Absent: Joe Ryan, Mary Ann Pease, Don Humason BOS Rep

Guests: Graig Gauthier

Meeting called to order by Brian at 5:31pm

#1) Minutes from the 4/10/25 meeting were amended with minor corrections done in pen. Brian made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Flo 2nd. Unanimous. Brian to sign and give it to Terry.

#2) Vocational student that has applied to Smith Vocational and Westfield Vocational will probably not be accepted at either school. Board voted to keep estimated number of students for vocational school at 3.

#3) Discussion in regards to state funding for schools is 600 million less than Governor Healy's request. Schools will probably be level funded.

#4) Discussion about Board of Assessors not inputting new growth into the computer and if the assessors are using permit eyes to update records. Finance committee voted to not pay any board members, cutting \$900 for registrars, cutting Town Clerk Assistant \$4,000, Assessor Assistant line deleted but adding \$1,200 to Assessor Schooling account.

#5) The Highway Department new truck. Bob Daley called Marcotte Ford and inquired about leasing of vehicles.

#6) Bob Daley looking for an update on not testing the landfill at the new Chester Elementary School. No new information provided since Don Humason was not at the meeting. Bob Daley also inquired about the budget for CMELD. No information on the CMELD budget has been give to the Finance Committee.

#7) Reviewed capital planning committee bylaw and creation of capital accounts for vehicles and building maintenance stabilization funds. Vote on funding the vehicle and building maintenance stabilization funds to be \$28,000 for each account from

the stabilization account, bring the balance down to \$700,000. All members voted to accept new accounts and funding of the accounts.

#8) Change name from Finance Committee to Finance and Capital Planning Committee.

Brian to get next meeting agenda to Town Clerk for posting

Meeting adjourned 7:23pm

Next Meeting 4/14/25 5:30 COA room

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Ann Pease