

Chester Finance Committee Meeting

4/2/2026 Fire Department

In Attendance: Sr. Judith Dalesandro, Florence Bolduc, Mary Ann Pease, Bob Daley, Joe Ryan and Jon Williams and Nick Chisvano

Guests: Brian Forgue and Andrew Alward and Jill Strong

Meeting called to order by Flo at 5:30.

Prior meeting minutes reviewed, Bob made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect a unanimous vote by Fin Com on the Water Department budget. I stated that I did not put this in the minutes as it was not a unanimous vote as Bob had 1st thought. Andrew stated it was not an agenda item so Fin Com could not take another vote. However, the minutes were amended to state a majority of Fin Com supported the budget. Sr. Judith made motion to accept, Joe 2nd unanimous. Flo signed will now go to Town Clerk.

Andrew presented the town and BOS portion of the budget.

Revenue sources were recognized by Andrew, RE, PP and Excise. State Aid, Chapter 70, Veterans Exemptions and Benefits, State owned land and Cell Tower revenue. Town hall rental revenue and CMELD revenue. Total State town revenue projection, unrestricted vs. restricted.

Bos stipend and Town Administrator salary discussed. Bob asked the question about equity & pay scale. It was decided to reduce the amount of stipend requested for each selectman and keep the Town Administrator salary request as is. Bob made a motion to give each BOS member \$3,250. Sister Judith 2nd. Unanimous.

Administrative Assistant was reviewed. Question was asked how many hours she currently works and for which departments. She is currently receiving health insurance through the town. Budget request approved as submitted.

The following town departments had their budgets approved as submitted.

Park and Rec, Debt and Interest, Insurance and Retirement, Plumbing and Electric, Accountant, Moderator, Conservation, Planning Board, Cultural Council, Civil Defense, Cemetery and Animal Control.

‡ ELECTRICAL
NICK WOULD LIKE PLUMBING FEES INCREASED. TO GIVE EXTRA
TO TOWN OF CHESTER.
TRANSFER STATION DISCUSSION ABOUT ADDING TRANSFER STATION
FEES TO REAL ESTATE BILLS.

Historical Society budget was reviewed, and it was decided to place the request for a new roof on the jail on the Capital Stabilization portion of the budget. Remainder of budget request approved.

Building Department budget was approved after it was determined that the increase is due to the Building Department covering the entire town expense for Permit Eyes.

Next meeting will be at the Fire Station and the Library and Highway are presenting.

Meeting adjourned 7:55

Next meeting 4/9/26 at 5:30

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Pease

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