

Amherst Finance Committee Meeting Approved 2/15/2018
Thursday, January 11, 2018,
5:00 pm Town Room, Town Hall

Members present: Marylou Theilman (Chair), Joseph Jayne, Bernie Kubiak, Tim Neale, Sharon Povinelli, Janice Ratner (Vice Chair) Absent: Anurag Sharma
Staff present: Sonia Aldrich

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM following the presentation of the Town Managers budget.

Finance Committee Schedule: committee schedule avoids meeting during Easter Week due to the level of activity and lack of parking. Neale suggested changing the meeting time to 6:00 or 6:30. The Chair will look into the possibility of a time change. Neale also asked if the Committee could get the school and library budgets in advance. It was noted that the Regional Schools budget may be available by the January 27th meeting.

Brief discussion on how the health insurance costs are displayed. Costs are included on the budget for the department but not in the appropriation for the department. The employee benefits are shown in the general government budget, under benefits, page 33 of budget book.

Questions on the budget may be sent to Aldrich with copies to Theilman and Ratner.

Neale noted that the FY 18 budget and increases to the FY 19 budget are independent of what the town is actually spending. Aldrich pointed out that the budgets are estimates; actual spending and receipts are detailed in the quarterly reports.

Minutes of previous meetings should be available at the next meeting.

No votes were taken on any matter discussed.

Jayne moved to adjourn, seconded by Povinelli. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernie Kubiak, Clerk Pro Tem

Documents referred to:
Draft Finance Committee Schedule for FY 19 Budget Review
Town Manger Budget Book