

Pelham Finance Committee

Meeting **Minutes** for Monday February 27, 2017

Rhodes Building 6pm

In Attendance: F. Vanderbeck, J. Leonard, B. Martell, and J. Trickey

Budget Hearings

Board of Selectmen

Budget presented, need to recalculate the Town Office Wages to better reflect the next step increase which will occur in December 2017. J. Trickey will do the recalculation.

Treasurer/Collector

Question on the health Insurance as currently tracking the same as 2016 but have added a family. Treasure to check

Town Clerk

A Salary increase, but small, Increase in expenses of \$500-mailing costs and supplies, and full years cost of the Assistant Records Clerk. The Clerk reports there are about 10 record requests per month currently.

Board of Assessors

They are requesting \$5,000 increase for one year to handle the Town re-evaluation. The Committee might recommend taking this from Free Cash as it only happens once every 3 years.

Library Trustees

Confusion around when to award step increases, the Trustees thought it was every 5 years not the Town's plan of every year for 5 years. The salary requests shows a 1.5% cola and 3.5% increase. The Trustees will formulate a new plan for the 2019 year.

Review and approve the minutes from the February 21th meeting

Approved

Review budget as it stands

No changes

Old Business

Vote on Regional Assessment agreement

Unanimous agreement to sign

New Business that could not have been anticipated at the time this agenda was published

Reviewed the letter that Chairman wrote to Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in opposition to the expansion for the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion School

Next meeting: Monday March 6 at 6pm

Adjourned at: