

# 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 21<sup>th</sup> 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: