

# Town of Hubbardston

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## Finance Committee – Meeting Minutes March 11, 2019

Meeting called to order: 6:32 PM in the Slade Building  
Members present: Dave Conaghan, Shannon Erb, Joshua Lerner, Susan Rayne, Chuck Reed  
By invitation: Ryan McLane, Town Administrator

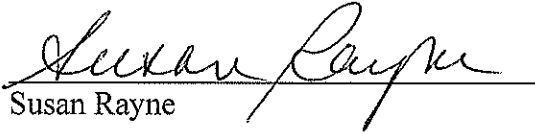
- 1) *Review of Draft Budget.* Mr. McLane summarized for the Committee his presentation to the Board of Selectman of his proposed draft FY20 budget.
  - a) Of particular concern was the proposed increase to the Town's assessment for the Quabbin Regional School District, which is currently proposed at 8.28% and, if all other line items remain as proposed, result in a projected budget deficit of approximately \$190,000. Mr. McLane expressed his intention to attend the QRSD public budget hearing on March 14, 2019 and Ms. Rayne stated that she would also attend that hearing and invite the School Committee members representing Hubbardston to meet with the Committee. Final assessment figures from QRSD are expected by April 15.
  - b) Mr. McLane stated that so far two warrant articles had been proposed; the cut off date for warrant articles is April 1. A public hearing on the budget is now scheduled for April 23, with the Board of Selectmen to vote to approve the budget in its final form on April 29.
  - c) The Committee was satisfied with the Police and DPW budget line items and indicated that there was no need to request Chief Perron or Director Brown to meet with the Committee.
  - d) Mr. McLane reviewed with the Committee the proposed designs for a Municipal Building Complex, showing varying use configurations for a single building housing Public Safety, Town Offices, and a Senior Center on the land owned by the Town on Route 68, the site of the previously proposed Public Safety building and Senior Center.
- 2) *Bench-marking Communities.* Mr. Lerner will finalize his benchmarking presentation for a meeting among the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, and the Committee on the topic, presently proposed for May 13.
- 3) *Approval of Minutes.* On motion made by Mr. Cognahan and seconded by Ms. Erb, the Committee unanimously voted to approve as submitted the minutes of the meeting of the Committee dated February 11, 2019.
- 4) *New Business.* None.
- 5) *Adjournment.* There being no further business, on motion duly made by Ms. Erb and seconded by Mr. Lerner, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn.

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Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Rayne, Clerk *Pro Tem*

Minutes approved by: Susan Rayne, Chair

  
Susan Rayne

Date: 4.4.19