

Weston Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2021

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Town of Weston, which was duly called and posted in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 via a Zoom video conference. It was broadcast live and recorded by Weston Media Center. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Present for the meeting were:

Finance Committee: Lisa Reitano (Chair), Jonathan Harris, James Jarrett, John McDonald (late), Karen Meslin, James Philipkosky, John Sallay, Lisa Schwallie, and Bharath Venkataraman

Also Present: Leon Gaumond (Town Manager), Susan Kelley (Finance Director)

Bharath Venkataraman was appointed to serve as Secretary pro-tempore and charged with keeping the minutes of the meeting. The Zoom video conference meeting was recorded by Weston Media Center and is available on-line.

- 1) The minutes of the March 25, 2021 meeting were approved, unanimously by all members present (with Jonathan Harris abstaining).
- 2) There were no resident comments.
- 3) Chair Reitano introduced the newest member of the FinCom, Jonathan Harris. Jonathan, who is the Town of Concord's Budget and Purchasing Director, gave a brief overview of his background.
- 4) A motion was made to nominate Lisa Reitano as Chair, seconded and unanimously approved.
- 5) All the members gave a brief introduction to their backgrounds as well their FinCom assignments.
- 6) Chair Reitano has asked James Jarrett, Lisa Schwallie and Jonathan Harris to form a Budget Guideline Process group to find out what other Towns do for budget guidelines and how we can go about it. Jonathan Harris gave an overview of the Budgeting process in Concord, starting with Town manager and School Superintendent presenting their budget needs in November leading up to Town Meeting in April (for a normal/typical year). FinCom members asked questions about how Concord manages its budget process. There was discussion on the work product expected out of the Group and on how to make the guidelines process work with the School Committee and Select Board.

- 7) There was a brief discussion on the next FinCom meeting (likely to be in July). Leon Gaumond mention that the MA State Legislature is looking at proposals for Zoom meetings to continue and that he thought there would be movement on that front in the following week.
- 8) Bharath updated the FinCom on updates from the Recreation Committee meetings. He informed FinCom about progress on the Memorial Pool plans, Pickleball courts and other regular maintenance.
- 9) The meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bharath Venkataraman