

**Westport Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Virtual Meeting-Remote Participation  
March 28, 2023**

Present: Karen Raus (Chair), Cindy Brown (Vice-Chair), Hugh Morton , Charles “Buzzy” Baron , Gary Carreiro , Zachary Lebreux

Absent: Lawrence Holsworth

Also Present: Betty Slade, Jim Hartnett

Karen Raus called the meeting to order at 6:31pm, and a Pledge of Allegiance .

Karen Raus read the following:      This meeting is being held remotely in accordance with the Governor of Massachusetts ‘*March 12, 2020, order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A Section 20 and on June 16,2021 Governor Baker signed an Act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency. This meeting is being recorded.*

**1.Fy2024 Town Budget /Warrant Articles Review /Presentations:**

Karen Raus presented the changes to the Fiscal 24 Budget documents and assessments came in from both Diman and Bristol Agriculture School. The additional school request of \$140,000 from free cash was also added to the budget.

**Motion :** Cindy Brown made a motion to approve the budget as presented for fiscal year 2024 Hugh Morton seconded the roll call vote in favor was 6-0.

Karen Raus recognized Betty Slade Chair from the Community Preservation Committee and Betty Slade discussed in detail the Warrant Article 21. A presentation of a CPC report was presented.

The Finance Committee discussed the Warrant Articles and Town Administrator noted it should be ready to be finalized next week and the Fy24 Budget 24-page report should be finalized ready for publish as well.

**2.Override Plan, Timetable, and Assignments of tasks :** The Committee members discussed the override plans timetable and there was several comments and questions.

**3.Committee Updates /Liaison Reports: N/A**

**4.Minutes:** The minutes for March 14, 2023, was presented for approval. Cindy Brown motioned, and Charles Baron seconded to approve. The roll call vote was in favor 6-0. The minutes for March 22, 2023 was presented for approval. Cindy Brown motioned, and Hugh Morton seconded to approve . The roll call vote was in favor 6-0.

**5.Topic for next Meeting Agenda: Fy2024 Warrant Articles**

**6.Meeting Schedule: April 4, 2023**

**7. Correspondence: N/A**

**8.Topics not reasonably anticipated forty-eight (48) hours in advanced of the meeting:**  
N/A

**Adjourn :**There being no further business to come before this meeting a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7.46pm was made by Charles Baron and Hugh Morton seconded the roll call vote in favor 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica McKane Finance Committee Recording Clerk

**REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:**

003-14-23 Meeting Minutes.docx

3-22-23 Meeting Minutes Finance Committee School Committee Board of Selectmen .docx

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