Minutes

Plainfield Finance Committee Wednesday, October 16, 2019, 7 p.m. in Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Present were Robert Baker, David Kramer (chair), and Lew Robbins. The minutes of the September 18, 2019, meeting were approved.

The committee discussed long-term capital budget planning, including an inventory of capital assets. Bob Baker and Lew Robbins shared lists of inventories obtained from the town, and Lew agreed to take the lead in creating a master list of town capital assets with life expectancies and costs of replacement. Lew will also lead in seeking information from each town departments controlling assets regarding their views on maintenance and replacement of capital assets.

David briefly discussed the committee's role in making Plainfield a more elder-friendly town. In conjunction with the town's hazard mitigation program, the Finance Committee will consult with the COA on this project, including creating a comprehensive inventory and database of town-owned property to track vulnerabilities and to prioritize improvements. David will meet with the COA on October 30 to discuss this matter.

David mentioned that the Fire Department has indicated a desire for greater financial compensation for its members. He will begin investigating the impact of changes in Fire Department budgeting on the town's finances.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee was set for November 20, 2019, at 7 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes prepared by David Kramer, chair and secretary