Minutes Plainfield Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 7 p.m. in Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. in Town Hall. Present were the entire committee: Bob Baker, Bob Persing, Tim Walter, Lew Robbins, David Kramer (chair), and Roberta Woodridge. The minutes of the March 27, 2019, meeting were approved.

The committee was joined by Heather Davis, member of the School Committee, and Superintendent Michael Buoniconti to discuss the school budget. Superintendent Buoniconti made a strong case for the budget, which represents an increase of 12.8% over last year's budget. He also stated that he has been leading an effort among rural school superintendents to impress on the state government the need to fund rural districts adequately. He noted that he was to testify before a legislative committee in Boston on April 9.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously to recommend the school budget to the town.

The committee then began a discussion of all the FY 2020 budget lines with the goal of trying to reduce the budget by \$100,000.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Submitted by David Kramer, secretary