

## Minutes

### Plainfield Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 7 p.m. in Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Robert Baker, Robert Silberberg, David Kramer, and Tim Walter.

The minutes of the July 10, 2019, meeting were introduced. David expressed his regret that the committee had lost the services of Robert Persing and Roberta Wooldridge but was pleased to introduce our new committee member, Robert Silberberg.

David announced that he had committed the Finance Committee to participating in Plainfield's hazard mitigation program in two ways:

- a. Work with Hilltown COA Consortium to create an elder-friendly town
- b. Create a Plainfield asset management plan—conduct a comprehensive inventory and database of town-owned property to track vulnerability, condition, and prioritize improvements; include equipment, infrastructure, and facilities.

Both of these items overlap with the Finance Committee's goal of long-term capital planning. It was the sense of the committee that Lew Robbins should play a prominent role in organizing the capital planning portion of these endeavors.

Bob Baker brought up the issue of the town's responsibility to maintain its portion of route 116. In particular, it is past time that it be rebuilt, since it was last rebuilt in 1987 as a 25-year road. It was also discussed whether the town should ask the commonwealth to take responsibility for maintaining and plowing all state roads with the same status as that of route 116. Bob Baker was going to investigate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04; the next meeting will be held on October 16.

David Kramer  
chair and secretary