

MINUTES

Plainfield Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 7 p.m.
Remote Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:05. In attendance were committee members David Kramer (chair), Tee O'Sullivan, Bob Silberberg, Roberta Wooldridge, and Robert Baker. Also in attendance were Patrick Williamson (selectman), Kate Nevins (animal control officer), Ben Gillette, Robert Mellstrom (tree warden), Sue Metcalfe-Honneus (coordinator COA), Pleun Bouricius, Shirley Todd (chair COA), and someone hiding behind the moniker "Plainfield Taxpayer."

The chair neglected to ask that the minutes of the March 22, 2021, meeting be accepted, and that will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Invited to the meeting to discuss their increased budget requests were representatives of the Library, Animal Control Officer, COA, and tree warden. The librarian could not attend but sent an email message; representatives from the other bodies were present, as noted above.

David reviewed the bottom line, pointing out that if the draft budget were approved at Town Meeting, the town would seek to raise and appropriate about \$2,239,000, about a 7.8% increase over last year's appropriated \$2,077,000. If the town valuation were to remain the same, that would amount to an increase in the tax rate from \$19.86 to \$21.40.

Minutes prepared by David Kramer