

## 2024-3-18 Finance Committee Minutes

Meeting began at 5:11 Present were Robert Baker, David Honneus, Roberta Woolridge, Susi Westwood and Judy Cole, Selectboard Liaison. Guest was Martha Thurber from MTRSD

Minutes of 3-11-2024 were approved unanimously.

Martha explained the proposal and gave examples of other towns and Plainfield as to how many students we/they have and how many the towns pay for due to students making another choice. It will have little impact on what Plainfield pays and will be a fair way of assessing the towns. All of the other towns except Heath have either passed it or will agree to pass it. All towns must pass it or it fails.

Bill will send us the figures on what our percentage will be for FY'25 next week.

The tree warden has asked to be given a stipend. The position has not had one in the past. Discussion of why he may feel the need. Bob will contact him to ask for justification.

Discussion of whether those who get stipends should be given COLAs. It is like an honorarium and would not expect a COLA.

No meeting next Monday. On April 1 we meet at 6:00 and Kimberly L. will present MLP budget at 7:00. This will be at the town hall.

Bob will meet with Paula as some groups/committees have not submitted a budget.

Judy reported on the tech committee she spoke of last meeting. The select board has voted to appoint an ad hoc committee to look into this. It will probably triple the IT line time in the budget next year.

Bob will speak to Jeannie Sergeant about joining FC.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11

Submitted by susi westwood