

Town of Amherst, NH
WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
2 Main Street
Monday, October 28, 2019
6:10 p.m.

Minutes for Ways & Means Committee - 10/28/2019:

The Ways & Means Committee was assembled by 6:10pm. Members in attendance: Peter Moustakis, Danielle Pray, Mike Parisi, Scott Tuthill, Elaina Bedio, and Lisa Eastland.

Upon joining the selectmen meeting, Ways and Means heard a report from finance director Cheryl Eastman discussing changes and adjustments to be found in draft #2 of the town's budget. She distributed a sheet indicating which specific changes were made and explained them. Indicated on this sheet were a reduction in telephone costs, an increase in workman's compensation insurance, and a reduction in the property liability insurance rate.

Next Chris Buchanan presented a first draft of warrant articles related to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee's multi-modal projects and sought the selectmen's counsel on best practice for organizing the articles. As presented at this meeting the three projects are currently three-fold:

1. A "side path" along Amherst Street which would coincide with already scheduled roadwork
2. Another side path between Souhegan High School and Amherst Middle School to be funded by a 2 year Capital Reserve Fund
3. "Special Roadway Districts" using pavers/texturization to indicate high pedestrian usage areas to drivers funded by a 3 year Capital Reserve Fund

W&M was dismissed 6:55pm, however returned to the BOS meeting shortly after at 7pm to hear the discussion regarding the enforcement of impact fees to potentially be paid by developers on future building projects in town.

W&M left the meeting and returned downstairs at 8:05pm to discuss completed department meetings that occurred over the last two weeks. These were: Amherst Fire & Rescue, Library, Town Administration (+ Taxes & Assessing), Community Development, and Recreation. Meeting still to occur: DPW and Police.

The date of our next meeting was confirmed. W&M adjourned at 8:40pm.