

**Board of Finance  
Public Hearing**  
March 31, 2026 7:30 PM  
Weston Middle School Library

*Summaries of the budget are available. A copy of the detailed budget is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk and on the town website. The Call of the Public Hearing is attached.*

*Comments are general, summarized and not direct quotes of the speakers.*

Present: Board of Finance Chairman Mike Imber, Vice Chairman Alex Staehely, Daniel Gershburg, Jim Aselta, Jeffrey Goldstein, Christopher Bryant and Annalise Ferrara. Donna M Anastasia, Clerk of the meeting.

Also present: First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Town Administrator Karl Kilduff, Finance Director Rick Darling, Superintendent of Schools Erica Forti and approximately 25 in attendance.

Chairman Imber called the Public Hearing to order at 7:30 PM.

Chairman Imber welcomed everyone and went over the rules of the meeting and turned the meeting over to Superintendent Forti for a summary presentation of the BOE budget.

Chairman Imber then invited First Selectwoman Nestor to present the Town operating budget.<sup>1</sup>

Chairman Imber opened the floor to public comment.

Greg Haythorne, Winthrop – Mr. Haythorne feels there is not enough information on the actual per pupil cost. Is concerned about long term effects of decisions being made now. Mr. Haythorne later said he had concerns regarding follow up on actual spending of the BOE for the prior fiscal year. He also mentioned concerns regarding declining enrollment.

Amy Sanborn, Old Hyde Rd – would like to see balances in capital accounts and repairs made to buildings as part of the Tecton report. She would like grants and any other resources available to defray construction/repair costs. Equipment necessary to maintain sidewalks disclosed.

Susan Baron, Old Hyde – Expressed that sidewalks are not necessary.

Cherie McKenzie, Newtown Tpk – Emphasized the many opportunities for the public to comment and ask questions of the BOF. Agrees with increase in legal counsel.

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<sup>1</sup> Summary attached

Keith Johnson, Singing Oaks – Mr. Johnson sits on two boards for a university. He stated that litigation expenses and sidewalk maintenance are not drivers but solely the BOE budget.

Travis Worrell, Birch Hill – Expressed concerns over fiscal responsibility.

Amy Sanborn, Old Hyde – would like the town to look at a utility pole along the proposed sidewalk path for ADA compliance.

With no further comments or questions Chairman Imber made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing, motion seconded by Chris Bryant and with none opposed the meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Donna M Anastasia, Town Clerk