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Town of Belmont
Warrant Committee Education Subcommittee
Minutes for Friday January 6, 2107 7:30 am
Town Hall, Conference Room 1

Attending: Roy Epstein (RE), Jim Gammill (JG), Michael Libenson (ML), Laurie Slap (LS)

Absent: Anne Helgen

1. JG called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.
2. JG asked for comments from committee members about the town census compliance report that JG presented to the full Warrant Committee in December, and in particular, whether or not the subcommittee should follow-up with a request for additional data from the school administration. The consensus from the discussion was that no additional request was warranted at this time.
3. The subcommittee reviewed the FY16 and FY17-Q1 financial reports as provided by the school administration.
4. JG reviewed his initial note in response to Town Administrator David Kale's December 20th memo about initial FY18 revenue estimates and budget shares, and compared those budget shares with shares calculated with a 3.7% increase, where 3.7% is about the historical annual growth in revenue. The discussion drew attention to the 5 additional FTEs for the schools that were explicitly discussed during the 2015 override campaign as items to be funded in addition to regular growth in the school budget. JG said he would attend the upcoming school committee finance subcommittee meeting, and would continue to monitor developments in the school department's drafting of a FY18 budget.
5. JG adjourned the meeting at 8:30 am.