

Minutes of the Charlemont Finance Committee and Selectboard

Meeting was held via conference call

January 26,2022

Meeting was opened at 4pm by Finance Chair Rich Filoramo

Present: Rich Filoramo, Amy Wales, Lynn Hathaway, Jay Healy, Marguerite Willis, Bill Harker, Sarah Reynolds, and Gordon Hathaway.

On a motion by Rich Filoramo and Second by Amy Wales the minutes from December 13,2021 were approved with the correction.

Administrator Reynolds went over the current Grants and Revenue receipts.

Gordon Hathaway attended the meeting and went over his recommendations for the FY23 budget. The only increases were in uniforms, vehicle maintenance and equipment maintenance.

It was also mentioned that the Town would benefit from Gordon's replacement spending a few weeks working with him to learn the ins and outs. Administrator Reynolds will bring some cost figures to the next meeting for discussion.

Gordon Hathaway also went over his capital items and explained that he would replace the international dump truck next.

Marguerite Willis brought up the annual town meeting would most likely be two nights because the planning board has zoning regulations, there is also the possibility that a special town meeting will be needed in the Fall if the planner brought up zoning changes as a result of his study.

Marguerite Willis explained that the selectboard although not unanimous voted to bring the suggestion of a 10% raise to the employees, social security is doing a 5.9% with all that has gone on in the job market this would be a proactive step to retain employees. She estimates the 10% increase would be about \$70,000. It was also mentioned that the cost of the Animal Control Officer is going up and that it was already an increase in the budget last year because we cannot get volunteers to fill these positions anymore. Administrator Reynolds will get some figures for the next meeting on the cost of the 10% and 6% increases for discussion.

On a motion from Amy Wales and second by Lynn Hathaway the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm

Meeting Documents Reviewed:

Administrator sheets on grants and receipts

Budget Spreadsheet