

CHARLEMONT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting: May 8, 2010, 8:30 a.m.

Present: Norma Lynch, Richard Filoramo, Ted Willard, Amy Wales, Camille White
Selectman Winston Healy

1. The Minutes of May 1, 2010 were approved and signed.
2. Library. After discussion, it was VOTED to fund the Library budget as requested.
3. Employee Compensation. T. Willard recused himself from Committee discussion of employee compensation.
4. River Patrols. The Committee VOTED 3 to 2 in favor of funding this line item.
5. Highway Budget. Gordon Hathaway, Highway Superintendent, met with the Committee and after further discussion and explanation, it was VOTED to fund the Highway Department budget as requested.
6. Technical Schools. It was VOTED to fund Technical Schools at \$138,000; six at \$15,000, one at \$18,000, two extra at \$15,000. It was further VOTED to fund Technical School Transportation at \$36,000.
7. Animal Inspection. The Committee VOTED to recommend the new budget line item "Animal Inspection Expenses" added to the budget by the Board of Selectmen funded in the amount of \$1,200.
8. Employee Health Insurance. Following discussion, it was VOTED to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the employee share of health insurance be increased to 25% and to adjust salaries to compensate. The Town share of health insurance will be decreased accordingly. It was further VOTED to budget health insurance for six employees.
9. Open Space Warrant Article. It was VOTED to not recommend this article.
10. Mohawk Stabilization Warrant Article. A. Wales recused herself from discussion. It was VOTED to not recommend this article.
11. It was agreed N. Lynch would meet at a mutually agreeable time with W. Healy and Kathy Reynolds, Executive Secretary, to clarify several budget line items.
12. It was also agreed available FinCom members will meet with the Board of Selectmen at 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, to present and explain the budget.
13. All FinCom members having completed the Ethics Test, it was VOTED to remove this item from Old Business.

The next meeting was scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 22, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille C. White, Secretary

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