

CHARLEMONT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting: February 25, 2011, 8:45 a.m., Town Hall

Present: Richard Filoramo, Ted Willard, Camille White;

Dana Johnson, Ambulance Director; Jared Bellows, Police Officer in Charge

Absent: Amy Wales, Norma Lynch

1. Minutes of November 6, 2010 were approved and signed.

2. New Business:

a. Ambulance Director Dana Johnson commented on and explained the submitted budget requests. Although some billing issues such as future payments of intercept charges are unresolved, the amount of \$3,000 can probably be eliminated at this time. Ambulance mileage was increased by \$500.

D. Johnson will speak with the Board of Selectmen regarding the rate of reimbursement. He also suggested acquiring individual ID cards for fuel charges. There are presently 14 EMTs.

b. Police Department -- Sgt. Jared Bellows, Officer in Charge, discussed his department's budget requests. River Patrol was reduced \$5,000 by reason of monetary gifts from rafting companies. There are presently 12 officers, 8 of whom require training. The cost of training has risen and is shared whenever possible with other Towns using the same officers. Contracted services consist of information systems such as background checks needed in the course of police duties. Revenue sharing was discussed and J. Bellows will look into this further. A new computer and new console and radio system to replace aging equipment are anticipated for future capital purchases.

3. Other:

a. The next scheduled meeting is 8:45 a.m., Saturday, January 26, at Town Hall.

b. R. Filoramo will arrange for the Board Secretary to set up a future meeting with the Highway Department and the Board of Selectmen on the same day for April 8 or April 9.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille C. White, Recording Secretary

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