

CHARLEMONT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting: March 4, 2011, 8:45 a.m., Town Hall

Present: Richard Filoramo, Ted Willard, Camille White;

Selectman Winston Healy; Kenneth Hall, Charlemont Fire Chief;

Superintendent Michael Buoniconti, Mohawk Business Manager, Joanne Blier;

Emma Svboda, Principal; Julia White, Ivy Palmer, Hawlemont School Committee

Absent: Amy Wales, Norma Lynch

1. Minutes of February 26, 2011 were approved and signed.
2. New Business:
 - a. Fire Department budget line items were discussed. General Expense and Electricity --0; Building Heat -- waiting for figure; Building Maintenance, reduced to \$1,200; Radio Maintenance, \$500; Auto Maintenance, reduced to \$8,500; Fire Training, reduced to \$1,200; Grounds Maintenance, \$1,000 -- more information to be forthcoming; Telephone/Computer --0; Fire Supplies, \$1,200; Fuel, wait for more information; License/Dues, reduced to \$2,500; Equipment/Replacement, \$7,700.

K. Hall informed the Committee 5 sets of turnout gear and an imager will be purchased with the Department's recent grant which was written for these specific items, enabling both fire trucks to have an imager.
 - b. W. Healy reported that the Selectmen's budget requests are pretty well set as previously submitted except for figures for the new roof which figures will probably be available by April 15 or earlier. He also explained his efforts to consolidate some of the accounts in Special Revenue Receipts.
 - c. School budgets were discussed at which time Supt. Buoniconti and J. Blier explained the varied reasons for Charlemont's school budget increases. Student population trends and sustainability of the Hawlemont School were also discussed.

An explanation of tiered instruction was explained by Principal Svboda and Supt. Buoniconti who are working towards implementing such a plan. After meeting with the entire Hawlemont School Committee, the School Administration will submit to the Town an Annual Town Meeting warrant article for funding of the Hawlemont Pre-School. Discussion of the possible shared use of the Old High School Building ensued. W. Healy asked for a consensus of opinion from the School Committee and School Administration on this matter. It was suggested that Supt. Buoniconti and the School Committee form a study committee for this purpose.
3. Other: The next meeting will be scheduled for April 15 or April 16, 2011. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille C. White, Recording Secretary

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