

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Finance Committee
and the Board of Selectmen**

Town of Charlemont

March 15, 2014

Present: Amy Wales, Toby Gould, Rich Filoramo, Beth Bandy, David Cunningham, Vaughn Tower

This meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM.

Andrea and Evelyn Locke, Library Trustee chair, presented the proposed library budget. Projected budgets increase library hours on Saturday and Tuesday. A budget to include two more Saturday hours was moved, seconded and passed. The subject of library automation was discussed. There are two systems available.

Gordon Hathaway presented the highway department budget. There is a slight increase for 2015. Is there a cost advantage to subbing out some particular function, e.g., mowing? Let's look at a functional budget for 2015. Proposed budget was moved, seconded and passed.

Sarah Reynolds presented the funding requests for Parks and Recreation. Sign for the Fair Grounds and upgrade of Exhibit Hall to be a warrant article. A \$500 increase to the Park and Rec budget was moved, seconded and passed.

Dana Johnson presented the Ambulance budget proposal which is level funded. Two warrant articles will be defibrillator for the ambulance that needs to be replaced, not to exceed \$2000 and a CO detector to be purchased for \$4350.

The next joint budget meeting will be April 12 at 8:30 AM.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Toby Gould