

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

Town of Charlemont

April 12, 2014

Present: Amy Wales, Toby Gould, Beth Bandy, David Cunningham, Bob Handsaker (for WiredWest)

This meeting was called to order at 8:37 AM.

Bob Handsaker reported about WiredWest. WiredWest is requesting a warrant article of \$1000.00 from each of 42 member towns to help build the network. Bob described a host of tasks already accomplished. The budget to build the network is \$100 million with \$50 million from the state. There was an extended discussion of the timeline and complexity of WiredWest's tasks.

The school capital improvement warrant could be debt-excluded.

A line item to add a town administrator was moved, seconded and passed by the BOS.

The vocational education transportation item was discussed. There are new students who will attend vocational school in the fall. We will review this budget item when the number of students is known.

There is a need for new members for the Finance Committee.

We will look at new management reports with the town accountant at the next FC meeting.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be May 10 at 8:30 AM.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:34 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Toby Gould