

Minutes of the Selectboard and Finance Committee – Charlemont Town Hall

February 9, 2019 (as amended)

Present: Amy Wales, Rich Filoramo, Toby Gould, Lynn Hathaway, Marguerite Willis and Sarah Reynolds.

- 1) Called to order 8:00 am
- 2) Reviewed the omnibus budget went over the items that increased and decreased and why, school numbers not final until the hearings Marguerite will attend and get the sheets, Discussed the license and dues portion Select Board is down because not joining the select board association near Boston it was not beneficial.
- 3) Discussed the emergency services and the salary increase for EMT salaries to do an on call can't afford the increase of \$40,000 trying to figure out what we do can't afford the equipment, or the full-time salaries.
- 4) There has been talks for trying to figure out what may work in emergency services and sharing not sure where they are heading yet
- 5) Went on to reviewing school budgets, and transportation lines, not a controllable cost, talked about students who live in more than one town, making sure tuition is split between the two.
- 6) On a motion by Rich and second by Lynn finance committee approved the minutes of their January 19 meeting.
- 7) Discussed accounting situation and free cash, and meeting the accountant working for Colrain and possibly having an accounting student do the accounts payable for a few hours a week.
- 8) Carlene Hayden brought answers to list of questions on budget, bonding of public officials covered under MIAA and the account the SelectBoard combined for contracted services. Covering the principal and interest on the debt exclusion lines. Moving the insurance lines from the top misc. and moving to all one section, make sure to combine totals and voting one total town insurance line. Once moved make sure it is the same way as the other sections, and move highway, so it is with the other departments.
Also, the assessors are doing two warrant articles one for the pilot agreement consultant for solar and then the software they use for the valuations. Consultant is \$4,000 and the software is \$6,000. Annual cost would be less than we are paying now going forward.
- 9) Appointment with Gordon Hathaway, Highway Budget, there are only a few increases, uniforms, due to current cost, winter numbers needed an increase on winter machinery maintenance, due to older equipment, sand and salt also needed to go up.
- 10) Other increase we would suggest is the infrastructure account we need to do dirt road projects because the mud season is hurtful, want to do projects to make the road better, pool infrastructure with chapter 90 money to complete projects. Would like to maybe pull out Bridge money drop back to \$5,000 and keep infrastructure, Sarah and Gordon to present to CIC and see what happens.
- 11) Emergency services meeting was a mix, they want to build a new system or go with the state system, and as of right now fixing the existing system using parts on E bay because there are no longer parts being produced. EOPS was not present so need another meeting, will update next time.
- 12) Next meeting February 23rd at 8 am, meet with police, fire ambulance. Motion by Rich and second by Lynn Adjourned at 9:52 am

Respectfully submitted,

(Original copy signed by Sarah on 2/23/19)

Sarah Reynolds