

Town of Charlemont
Joint Finance Committee and Select Board Meeting
Minutes May 17th, 2023
Hawlemont School

Board Members Present: Jared Bellows, Lynn Hathaway, Bill Harker, Rich Filoramo, Valentine Reid, Ron Smith, Amy Wales

Others present: Sarah Reynolds (Administrator,) Star Atkeson (Secretary,) Carlene Hayden, Assessors

Rich Filoramo called the meeting to order, 5:36.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Updated FY24 Budget-

It was brought up that Cemeteries do not have enough money budgeted in their line item for maintenance. They will need to vote to put money away or they will not be maintained as well as they should be.

2. Consider the request of the Historical commission to update their budget line from \$400 dollars to \$650 for a plaque.

Sarah told the Boards that the Historical Commission requested \$400-\$650 for a plaque for the Bissell Bridge. Carlene will edit the budget. Amy suggested taking money out of reserve for the plaque.

2. Review Financial warrant articles for discussion during informational meeting.

The Boards went over some of the warrant articles:

They covered Articles 18,19 and 20. Carlene Explained that they were regarding Mass general Law geared towards helping seniors pay taxes with exemptions and allowances.

Amy Wales motioned to close the meeting at 5:59. Lynn Hathaway seconded, all in favor.

Bill Harker made a motion to close the meeting, Jared Bellows seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted on January 10th, 2023, by Star Atkeson, Secretary to the Boards.

Documents viewed at meeting:

Warrant Articles for Town of Charlemont Annual; Town Meeting Tuesday May 23rd, 2023

Charlemont FY 2024 ATM Finance Committee recommended sources 5/16/2023

Charlemont Fiscal Years 1022-2024 Revenue/expense analysis 5/13/2023

Draft 7 of Budget FY2024 worksheet