

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee
October 20, 2015

Time: 7 pm

Place: Sawyer Hall

Present: Gloria Fisher, Ned Wolf, Jan Car, Don Freeman (chair), and at 7:05 Ken Gilbert

Absent: Jeff Simmons

Members reviewed the minutes of July 14, August 4, September 8, and September 29. Don made a motion seconded by Gloria to accept the 4 sets of minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Members discussed the possibility of overspending in the winter highway accounts: the Winter Salt, Sand and Other Account, the Winter Equipment Maintenance and Repair Account, and the Winter Hired Services Account. Gloria made a motion seconded by Jan to allow overspending in the winter accounts. The motion passed unanimously.

Ken Gilbert noted that the Select Board had authorized him to spend \$7500. for a vehicle for him to use in the Fire Department and authorized spending \$1000 to outfit it. Ken said he had bought a vehicle for \$7545 using funds from the Supply and Training Account of the Fire Department. He estimates that the additional costs to outfit the vehicle will include \$577 for a radio, \$100 for decals, \$400 for reflective stripes, and \$500 for emergency lights bringing the total to \$9122.

Ken also reported that the 10 bald tires of the brush truck had been replaced for \$3215. These tires had been ordered by Mike Smith.

Members discussed a possible transfer of funds from Free Cash or from the Vehicle Stabilization Fund. Ken said that the Supply and Training Account is nearly depleted. Don reported having just learned that there are \$11,500 more in the Overlay Surplus Account. Don made a motion seconded by Gloria to approve the transfer of \$3215 from the Reserve Fund to the Fire Department Support and Training Account to pay for the tires. The motion passed unanimously. Members signed the Transfer Form.

Ken said that they have had to replace a nozzle and get a new switch for the compressor. He said that the hoses will need to be tested. Failure would require replacing hose. There needs to be testing of how each face mask fits on the given face. Don suggested that in looking ahead to expenses Ken come up with a worst case scenario and report to the Finance Committee and the Select Board by November 10 in time for the preparation of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting (STM) December 1.

There was a consensus to ask the STM for at least \$12,337 from the \$168,743 in Free Cash as of October 15: Reserve Fund \$3215; Fire Department Supply and Training \$9122. Ken said that he thinks he can get through FY16 with this plan unless problems arise in the testing of the hoses and breathing apparatus. In that case other transfers might be needed and could involve the \$11,500 recently transferred to the Overlay Surplus Account.

At 7:35 pm Ken left the meeting.

Members noted Sheila's having said that Tracey's papers have to be in to the Department of Revenue by November 17. Sheila would like the Select Board and Finance Committee to meet before then.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Wolf, Secretary