

Minutes of the Meeting of the Heath Finance Committee
November 10, 2015

Time: 7:04 pm

Place: Assessors' office in Sawyer Hall

Present: Don Freeman (chair), Gloria Fisher, Ned Wolf, and at 7:30 Kara Leistyna, Sheila Litchfield, Brian DeVriese, Bill Lattrell, and Mike Smith

Absent: Jeff Simmons and Jan Carr

Members read the minutes of the October 20th meeting. Don made a motion seconded by Gloria to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Don reported that Ken thinks the Fire Department will not make requests for funds for the remainder of 2015.

At 7:25 Gloria made a motion seconded by Don to adjourn after meeting with the Select board. The Finance Committee left the Assessors' office to join the Select board. At 7:50 the Selectboard finished reviewing with Mike Smith questions about the management of the Highway Department and the Fire Department. Next the Selectboard and Finance Committee reviewed the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting (STM) on December 1. Article 1 replenishes the Reserve Fund. Article 2 is to transfer \$9,002 from the Overlay Surplus Account to the Fire Department Supplies/Training Account. Article 3 is to transfer funds into the interest on temporary borrowing account. Article 4 is to transfer funds to the Salary Summer Temporary Help Account. Article 5 is for payment of a bill in FY14. Article 6 is for payment of a bill in FY15.

There was discussion of the funding of the position of Assessors' Clerk in which Alice will stay through FY16. Article 7 provides funding for the second half of FY16. The hourly rate will stay at \$16.52 while the number of hours will increase from 6 to 10.

Article 8 is about the Town's acquiring the 6.4 acres of land that Don Conlan purchased earlier this year from Jenny New.

Article 9 is a step towards the Town's possibly selling the 17 acres of land it owns on Bray Road.

Articles 10 and 11 allow the Selectboard to proceed with bridge projects near the sites of the bridge on Sadoga Rd. over Burrington Brook and the bridge on 8A over Mill Brook.

Following some discussion, Gloria made a motion seconded by Ned that the Finance Committee recommends STM articles 1 – 11. The motion passed unanimously. Sheila said that on Tuesday, November 17 Tracey, the Assessors, Kris, and Hilma will attend the Select-board meeting. The Capital Plan will be discussed. The Finance Committee will also attend.

The Finance Committee adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ned Wolf, Secretary