

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: July 5, 2016

*4-0
as amended
2 absent
(Rocky came in
after vote)*

ATTENDING: ALLEN, BANDZIERZ, NOVECK, SCARBRO, SWANSON

ABSENT: BERKEL

OTHERS ATTENDING:

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 4:07PM

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: April 26, 2016 (Tom)
May 3, 2016 (Town Meeting)
June 14, 2016 (Laura) App5-0, 1 absent**

**NOTICES: Received \$50,000 Massachusetts Historical Grant re: fixing the South Egremont School. Applied for \$100,000
No news on air pack grant**

HANDOUTS: None

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORTS:

June 30, 2016 (Not yet received)

AGENDA:

Compensation Committee – Eric reported the Compensation Committee made recommendations on raises for Exempt Employees to Board of Selectmen.

Police Search Committee - Rocky brought the committee up to date regarding the 3 applicants for police chief position. One was not appropriate, leaving two viable candidates, Brian Fahey (11 years with Sheffield, now senior officer) and Tyler Race (5 years with Egremont police department). The Police Search Committee voted to bring one candidate to the BOS on July 11th at 6:30pm for its consideration. It was noted that the committee consisted of police chief Shaw, police officer, Carlson, Rocky Scarbro, finance committee, Bill Turner, fire chief, Bill Tighe, personnel director and Paul Montgomery, retired police officer from GB.

Broadband Committee - Eric brought committee up to date on RFP process for design and construction services. There have been 4 responses to RFP which are now being vetted.

**2016 Budget
2017 Budget**

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER REQUESTS:

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>VOTED</u>
015151.702	Legal Expenses	\$ 742.50	5-0 App
015151.702	Legal Expenses	943.92	Deferred(Laura)
015491.700	Cemetery Expenses	3,000.00	5-0 App

END OF YEAR TRANSFERS: (BOS & FC to approve)

<u>FROM ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>TO ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>VOTED</u>
015300.002 (School Op)	015300.001 (School Cap)	\$ 479.00	5-0 App
615451.200 (Water Ut)	615451.701 (Repairs)	4,000.00	5-0 App
615451.700(WaterExp)	615451.701(Repairs)	1,000.00	5-0 App

CARRYOVERS FROM 2016 -2017

015697.713	MACRIS (S/A)	4,000.00	Noted
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OFFICIALS' ITEMS:

CITIZENS' ITEMS:

OTHER BUSINESS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE ITEMS/UPDATES:

Water Department – Follow implementation of audit items/Tom-Mike

Water Dept retained earnings (2016- \$)

Latest filing by FD re: 990 (last in FC file 2006) (Eric)

See Massachusetts Municipal Personnel Salary surveys regarding compensation (150 towns participated) See MMA Summer, page 15. What about our surrounding towns? Bill Tighe/Eric

What does it cost to run departments in Egremont?

Southern Berkshire Regional School District- Bond Issue (Laura)

FEMA grant for Fire Department

Financial Policies and Procedures Manual (We need to develop)

Next Finance Committee meeting: , 2016 at 4:00PM

ADJOURNED: 5:06PM

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Allen, Acting Secretary

APPROVED (as amended) 4-0, 2 absent