

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF EGREMONT  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
13 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**ATTENDING: ALLEN, BANDZIERZ, BERKEL, NOVECK, SCARBRO**

**ABSENT: SWANSON**

**OTHERS ATTENDING: NONE**

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 4:04 pm o'clock, Chairwoman Laura Allen presiding.**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:**
  - a. April 26, 2016: not available**
  - b. July 12, 2016: Approved 4-0 (1 absent, 1 not eligible)**
- 3. NOTICES:**
  - a. Collective Bargaining Agreement (police) is not finalized.**
  - b. Egremont did not receive the FEMA grant for air packs, the BOS intend to remove funds from Stabilization (authorized at town meeting).**
  - c. The Town is experiencing some system issues apparently due to an opened ransom e-mail. Some funds may be required to correct and secure the Town's systems.**
- 4. HANDOUTS:**
  - a. 990PF Egremont Fire Company 2009, 2014 were distributed and reviewed for an understanding of resources available to the Fire company for purchases.**
  - b. Estimated Cherry Sheet for 2017 was distributed.**
- 5. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORTS: Reports as of 14 July and August 2016 are not available.**
- 6. BROADBAND UPDATE: The company Fiber Connect seems to have come to the fore as a potential firm to create the fiber optic infrastructure.**
- 7. The Committee discussed 2017 Budget Forms. Mrs. Allen will spearhead the effort to reach conformity and to rationalize to process to make it tighter in time and offer assistance to the several departments and committees.**
- 8. The Town will bid farewell to retirees and welcome new Town Hall employees on October 16, 2016 at Town Hall.**
- 9. Mr. Berkel reported that he has spoken with Mr. Superintendent Hastings of the SBRSD and that there is interest in a transparent and early discussion**

about the FY2017 school budget. There is a significant wage bill in the offing due to the final year increase of the teacher contract.

**10. RESERVE FUND TRANSFER REQUESTS:**

- a. The Committee was informed by Mrs. Brazie through Mrs. Allen, that there will be a need to move monies to address the systems issues.
- b. The Litigation Account has been depleted to \$823.40, and there may be a need to inject funds for pending legal work related to Catamount and other miscellaneous issues. The 2017 budget contained; Litigation \$5,000.00, Expenses \$2,000.00, and Fees \$12,000.00.

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

<u>FROM ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>TO ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>VOTED</u>
015422.700 Hgwy Con.	015491.700 Cem C&M	\$851.00	Approved 5-0

(This item was voted by BOS on 7/14/2016 and implemented by accountant without the approval of the FC. The FC was advised by Henry Granger that additional funds would be needed for that account and the FC will vote on said transfer after the fact. The bill gets paid either in recap or end of year.)

**12. OFFICIALS' ITEMS: NONE**

**13. CITIZENS' ITEMS: NONE**

**14. OTHER BUSINESS: NONE**

**15. NEXT MEETING: The Finance Committee will meet 4 October 2016 at 4:00PM o'clock.**

**16. ADJOURNED: There being no further business before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm o'clock.**

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Berkel, Secretary  
Egremont Finance Committee

*These Minutes Approved 4 October 2016: Yes 5, No 0 (1 absent).*