

**MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE  
DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2016**

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

**ABSENT: BERKEL, SWANSON**

**OTHERS ATTENDING:**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 4:05PM**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: October 18, 2016 (Tom) (postponed)  
October 11, 2016 /cancelled**

**NOTICES:**

**HANDOUTS: Municipal Modernization Act - summary**

**REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORTS:**

**NONE**

**AGENDA:**

**2017 Budget Request Forms**

**2017 Budget forms together with Memo have been handed out by Mary. After discussion amongst committee members, it was decided that Rocky would contact Tyler Race, Police Chief to go over the police department's budget request and answer any questions Tyler may have. Laura is to contact James Noe, Highway Superintendent with the same purpose.**

**The finance committee voted 4-0, 2 absent, to level fund both the Reserve Fund budget and the finance committee expenses budget. Laura will submit to Mary.**

**Update of October 24, 2016 All Boards Meeting**

**Mike Bandzierz brought up for discussion the comment that Mary had made at the all boards meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. Mary commented that assessed values in some instances were way below sales prices and asked the assessors why that was so if we are to assess in the 90-100% range of fair market value. Robin Goldberg, Assessor, indicated that "they were working on it" and it wasn't explained as to how they were working on it. Mike offered to call Robin and perhaps speak to Harald Sheid, our consultant and report back.**

**Broadband update- Laura to find out where the town stands to date.**

**Southern Berkshire Regional School District 2017 (passed over)**

**RESERVE FUND TRANSFER REQUESTS:**

<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>VOTED</u>
015155.700	Computer Exp	\$6,803.15	Vote of 10/4/16 rescinded in 4-0, 2 absent
	the amount of \$9,131.30; vote on 10/25/16	\$6,803.15	

**OFFICIALS' ITEMS:**

**CITIZENS' ITEMS:**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE ITEMS/UPDATES:**

**Water Department – Follow implementation of audit items/Tom-Mike  
Water Dept retained earnings (2016- \$ 31,394.00)  
Broadband Committee (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)  
Finance Manual (We need to develop)**

**Next Finance Committee meeting: November 15, 2016 at 4:00PM**

**ADJOURNED: 4:34PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Laura Allen, Acting Secretary Approved 12.13.2016 3-0, 1 abstain**