

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF EGREMONT  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
5 FEBRUARY 2019

**ATTENDING:** MRS. L. ALLEN, MR. M. BANDZIERZ, MR. T. BERKEL, MR. F. PENGLASE, MRS. A. PULVER,  
MR. S. RAWLINGS

**ABSENT: NONE**

**OTHERS ATTENDING: None**

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT:** 6:01 PM, Chair Laura Allen presiding.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:** December 4, 2018 approved 5-0.
3. **NOTICES:** School Committee Finance Subcommittee meeting 2/6
4. **HANDOUTS:**
  - a. Annual Town Meeting Schedule
  - b. School – Types of Regional School Assessment methods in MA
5. **Police and Highway Department Contracts** expire on 30 June 2019. Negotiations yet to start.
6. Mrs. Allen agreed to provide a memo regarding the fiduciary impact of the number of raises each year per a request from Bill Tighe (Personnel Counselor)
7. **Tech Committee:** Fiber Connect was the lone respondent to the RFP to wire Egremont with fiber optic capability. This resulted after several apparent bidders were smoked out as basing their interest in the project provisional upon funding from the Commonwealth rather than being interested in actually responding to the desire of the Town to achieve fiber optic access.
8. **Compensation Committee** has been reviewing details of a COLA of 2.8% to 3.7%.
9. **Police Department:**
  - a. Mrs. Allen is on the Police Chief Search Committee.
10. **BUDGET REQUESTS 2019-2020: SEE SCHEDULE A (Companion EXCEL spreadsheet).**
11. **RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS: None**
12. Next Finance Committee meeting: 19 February 2019 at 5:00PM in Selectmen's room.
13. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was  
**ADJOURNED:** 7:15 PM o'clock.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Berkel  
Secretary, Egremont Finance Committee

***These Minutes Approved: 26 March 2019: 6 YES, 0 NO.***