

Minutes of meeting for the joint between the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee
March 21, 2018

Selectboard members present: John Skrip, Mark Newman, Fred Ventresco,
Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Finance Committee members present: Joe Gelinas, Kathy Jacobs, David Hubbard, Bogart
Muller

Called to order at 5:30 p.m.
Meeting is being recorded

Fire Dept: Dawn Lemon explained the 3 vendors, Comstar, County Ambulance and Southern Berkshire Ambulance can no longer come out of estimated receipts. ALSS, ½ comes out of the ambulance revolving account and ½ comes out of the ALSS account. John would like all of it to come out of the ambulance revolving account. John Burrows explained that the last ambulance was paid for completely out of this account at no additional cost to the tax payers. Ralph reviewed the history of the account. Total for the account will be \$7,000 amended to \$3,800 from free cash and \$4,200 from raise and appropriate.

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark to accept the ALSS Intercept budget of \$7,000
All in favor 2-0

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Kathy 4-0

Fire/Ambulance Equipment: The budget submitted is \$21,318. Joe questioned why there is no breakout of equipment, Ralph responded that this is mainly to restock and replace what he has. Joe asked about the purchase of tables & tv's last year. Ralph responded that he needs them for training. When someone comes in to do training it is all done on smart tv's. Joe is requesting a detail accounting of their best expectations for expenses. John wants transparency and accountability. Ralph explained that he will be purchasing new gear, hoses and scott air packs. Ralph explained how much is donated by or supplemented by the Fire Dept. Inc.

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark to accept the Fire/Ambulance Equipment
Budget at \$21,318, all in favor 2-0

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Kathy, all in favor 4-0

Fire/Ambulance Training: The budget submitted is \$4,000.

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark to accept the Fire/Ambulance Training
Budget of \$4,000, all in favor 2-0

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Kathy, all in favor 4-0.

Fire Dept. Salaries: The budget submitted is \$12,000.

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark to accept the Fire Dept. Salaries budget of \$12,000, all in favor 2-0

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Kathy, all in favor 4-0

Fire Dept./Ambulance Maintenance: The budget submitted is \$30,785.

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark to accept the Fire dept/ambulance Maintenance budget of \$30,785.

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Kathy, all in favor 4-0.

Fire House Rentals 1 & 2: The budgets submitted are for Route 57 firehouse \$6,000 and the Route 8 firehouse \$3,500. John asked about the cost of the insurance which is what the rental Fee is supposed to cover. He would like a copy of the insurance bill. Ralph will not provide the Copy but will talk about it. Discussed a lease. We do not currently have a lease. Ralph is going to have a Fire Dept Inc. corporation meeting and review and provide a lease. He commented that he could easily rent the buildings for \$10,000 a month. The Inc. members present will call this a rental and will provide a lease for \$9,500 combined. Bogart asked why the town pays a private contractor to do the snow removal when we don't own the buildings. Ralph responded that this was agreed upon decades ago.

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark to accept the rental budgets for Route 57 Firehouse of \$6,000 and the Route 8 firehouse for \$3,500, all in favor 2-0

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Kathy, all in favor 4-0

Fire EMS Compensation: The budget submitted is for \$32,931.

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark, all in favor 2-0

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Bogart, all in favor 4-0

Memorial Day Parade: The budget submitted is for \$2,000.

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark, all in favor 2-0

Finance Committee Vote: Motion by Joe, second by Kathy, all in favor 4-0

Recreation Committee: Dawn explained the process of the re organization of the recreation committee. She reviewed the expenses and what they would like to do, they are seeking \$6,000. John likes the detail but he would like to reduce the budget. He suggested they contact the

Cultural Council for grants. Discussed the Community Center Committee, they will dissolve after their last scheduled event happens. Kathy Jacobs would like to stay with \$6,000. They selectmen agreed on \$4,500.

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark, all in favor 2-0

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Kathy, all in favor 4-0

Cultural Council: The budget submitted is for \$250. Joe explained that they need to have agendas and meetings to explain what they do.

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark, all in favor 2-0

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Bogart, all in favor 4-0

Historical Commission: There are no members on this commission. No budget submitted. We will reduce the budget to \$1.00

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark, all in favor 2-0

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Bogart, all in favor 4-0

Zoning Board: There are no members on this committee and no budget submitted. We will reduce the budget to \$1.00 for salaries and \$1.00 for expenses.

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark, all in favor 2-0

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Kathy, all in favor 4-0

Technology: The budget submitted is for \$33,282. The selectmen want to discuss this further. There is still wiring to be done at the Town Hall Annex and we need more storage on the server which will be approx. \$6,000. We will leave the budget as is for now.

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark, all in favor 2-0

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Kathy, all in favor 4-0

Cemetery Stabilization Fund: Discussed the logging proceeds from the cemetery.

Selectmen's vote: Motion by John, second by Mark to create a Cemetery Stabilization Fund and to fund it transfer \$10,000 from Free Cash which is from the logging proceeds, all in favor 2-0

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Kathy, all in favor 4-0.

Joe presented the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

Motion by John, second by Mark to accept the Reserve Fund policy.

Joe presented the Capitol Planning Policy. This is from the DLS. Discussed setting up a Capitol Improvement Plan Committee, Fred will follow up on whether the members have to be registered voters. David discussed permanent funding for this account. He feels that we need to fund new town facilities and to purchase the land across from Fire station #2. Discussed solar energy. He feels we can create a revenue stream by turning the town hall annex into a woodworking school. Kathy asked about the status of solar, John has and continues to work on this.

Selectmen's vote to accept the Capitol Planning Policy: John, yes, Mark, No.

Finance Committee vote: Motion by Joe, second by Bogart, all in favor with David abstaining

Acceptance of the Policy did not pass.

Reviewed and signed minutes of meetings with corrections.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

John Skrip

Joe Gelinas

Mark Newman

Kathy Jacobs

David Hubbard

Bogart Muller