

CHARLEMONT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting: February 26, 2011, 8:45 a.m., Town Hall

Present: Richard Filoramo, Ted Willard, Camille White;
Sarah Reynolds, Simon Dean, David Cunningham, Assessors;
Mary Boehmer, Ellen Miller, Library Trustees; Bambi Miller, Librarian,
Dan Miller

Absent: Amy Wales, Norma Lynch

1. Minutes of February 25, 2011 were approved and signed.
2. Mail: A copy of a letter from Marguerite Morris Willis addressed to the Board of Selectmen was tabled to be discussed at a future date.
3. New Business:
 - a. Assessors S. Reynolds, S. Dean and D. Cunningham commenced a discussion of whether or not the entire amount of the Board Secretary's salary should be listed under the Assessor's budget. It was agreed the Finance Committee would address this with the Board of Selectmen.
Assessor's Consultant line item will be reduced to \$1,500.
An Assessor's Bookbinding line item will be added in the amount of \$200.
After numerous incidents and discussions, Assessors have come to the conclusion that it will be in the best interests of the Town to contract with a new Revaluation Consultant. They feel the firm of Mayflower Evaluation will be best able to fulfill all requirements of the State and the Town and will be meeting with the firm soon. As additional monies will be required, the line item of \$2,625 in Assessor's Cyclical will be eliminated and the amount included in Assessor's Revaluation for a total amount of \$10,000 which will be a separate article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.
Assessor Telephone, Miscellaneous and Petty Cash requests have been deleted
 - b. Tyler Memorial Library Trustees M. Boehmer, E. Miller and Librarian B. Miller discussed the elimination of the Miscellaneous line item which had been used for supplies. After explanation by the Finance Committee, it was agreed to re-name said line item Library Supplies with an amount of \$300.
\$6,650 is requested for books.
Discussions centered on the increase the Town needs to contribute in order to retain State library grants. D. Miller, suggested because of decreases in said grants, the requested budget amount will meet the requirements.
Also discussed was the possibility and feasibility of the Library changing its location at some time in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille C. White, Recording Secretary

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