

Charlemont Finance Committee  
Minutes of meeting December 15, 2007

Present: Rich Filoramo, Ted Willard, Bill Coli  
Guest: Dana Johnson, Ambulance Department Chief

1. The minutes for the meetings on November 9, 2007 and December 15, 2007 were signed.
  - a. Kathy made copies to send to the necessary parties.
2. All committee members present signed a Reserve Fund Transfer of \$4,932 to the Assessors Training Account to cover Gloria Jean's sick leave reimbursement.
3. We voted unanimously to recommend to the BOS that a sick leave reimbursement policy be put in place.
4. The new assessor's clerk, Brie, will start at \$14.35/hr for 27hrs/wk, yielding a yearly salary of \$20,000. This figure will be used in the budget worksheet.
5. We voted unanimously to recommend to the BOS that the ATM by-law change include that the Town Vote will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of May as well.
6. No formal request from Chief Ken Hall regarding Fire House addition was received. No action taken.
7. We voted unanimously to increase the school committee stipend to \$250, but to also make it contingent on attendance at a majority of the school committee meetings.
8. Bill gave us a summary of the Fairgrounds/Grandstand situation. However there is no proposal as yet, so no formal vote was taken.
9. We voted unanimously that the salary increase be applied to FY09 requested hours for the police, fire and ambulance salaries.
  - a. Ambulance: FY09 salary request is \$16,650. This should be increased by 3.57%.
10. Dana presented information he received regarding the ambulance grant application.
  - a. The submission due date is April 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. The projected timeline for the award finding is 18-24 months.
  - c. The grant is not reimbursable.
11. We strongly supported but took no formal vote on the following
  - a. New box on new chassis.
  - b. To proceed with the grant application.
  - c. Resolving the fire/ambulance housing problem first
    - i. A separate public safety building should be given consideration.
    - ii. The timing could be right in terms of the slow-down in construction and the bids that we may receive.
  - d. Postponing the ambulance purchase for one year to allow for the grant timing and for addressing the fire/ambulance housing problem.
12. The BOS will be notified of the opinions in #11.
13. The BOS will be requested to direct the treasurer to report the interest rates we are receiving for our stabilization account and what we would expect for a municipal loan of \$160,000.
14. Dana presented the value of keeping the old ambulance as a "rehab" vehicle for firefighters.
  - a. Any consideration of this must be predicated on addressing the fire/ambulance housing problem.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Respectively submitted

Richard Filoramo