

## **Charlemont Finance Committee**

**Sunday, March 07, 2004**

1. Discussed Historical Commission request with Norma Coli.
2. Discussed COLA increase for town employees, if any. Agreed to consult BOS.
3. Discussed timing of annual Town Meeting. Agreed to convey our opinion to BOS.
4. Discussed BOS proposed budget, including grant writer (?)
5. Discussed various proposed increases in FY 2005 budget, including library.
5. Began preliminary discussion of large proposed increases in Hawlemont and Mohawk.
  - Need to assess Levy limit to determine Prop 2.5 override issue
  - Need to see if Hawlemont figures come down in near future
6. Agreed to invite Kathy to next meeting for advice
  - Selected items which we have not been able to ascertain (shaded areas)
  - Leyy Limit formula
  - Why is "Highway Grader" not listed under "Debt Exclusion"?
7. Agreed to have one of consult with BOS ASAP (see attached agenda for discussion)
8. Agreed that next meeting will be Friday, April 9, 2004 in Town hall.

Meeting adjourned after three hours 9-noon.

Winston Healy

## Proposed Agenda for BOS Discussion

In order of priority:

1. Standard percentage increase for Town employees, or variable according to what criteria, or none? (See Police, Assessors, Fire Dept, Crossing Guard, etc)
2. Using Stabilization to avoid short term interest by “borrowing from ourselves” Do this via warrant article this year?
3. Avoiding fees for legal counsel and reducing line item.
4. Status of Salary Step Increment Plan. Not conceivable for 2005? Not to be pursued at all?
5. Proposed increases in BOS Town Hall request, including (or not) “Grant Writer”, “Fireworks”, “Annual Banquet”
6. Registrar phone line and ISP (\$450) Utilization of Sec to Boards?
6. Status of Town Hall Repairs
7. Status of Library on hold for FY 2005?
7. Levy Limit?
8. Projections for Revenue side of equation
9. Timing of Annual Town Meeting pros and cons
10. Wording of Warrant Articles