

The Finance Committee

Town of Charlemont

November 21, 2014

Present: Amy Wales, Toby Gould, Rich Filoramo, Ron Smith, Tom Campbell, Beth Bandy.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM.

Several former minutes were accepted.

A discussion of the Wired West proposal took place. The Finance Committee will be concerned with interpreting the funding of the project. The next information meeting on Wired West will be December 10.

We opened a discussion of capital expenses. Amy and Toby will work with Carlene to produce a draft for the next meeting.

Questions were raised by the cemetery committee concerning perpetual care funds and interest. We will ask the accountant for an explanation of the Village Cemetery fund.

Mass Highway – Chapter 90 is in deficit over \$83,000. This needs to be billed out.

Questions were raised about the taxes which are in arrears. The Finance Committee will ask for figures on taxes still in arrears for past years.

Busing costs – the school district is receiving 90% reimbursement. Towns have asked to receive their share of the reimbursement. After discussion with the school committee, reimbursement will be kept in a special account to be returned to the towns at the end of the fiscal year. Vocational technical busing will need to be appropriated at special town meeting.

Veterans' benefit will exceed the budget and will need to be approved at Special Town Meeting.

Free cash for Charlemont has not been certified and, therefore, Special Town Meeting cannot be held until free cash is available.

We are happy that Tom has agreed to join us.

Next meeting is January 16, 2015 at 8:30 AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

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