

The Finance Committee

Town of Charlemont

September 11, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.

Minutes from August 22, 2015 were signed.

West Oxbow Bridge closing. This bridge was deemed unsafe by DOT two weeks ago. In meeting with head of regional DOT the bridge will be replaced within four years. A temporary bridge will be leased to Charlemont for \$5000 per year. DOT wants \$25K upfront.

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the Finance Committee recommends that we pay \$5000 now and put a warrant for \$20,000 to next year's Annual Town Meeting for the West Oxbow temporary bridge for a total of five years' rental.

Thanks to the BOS, Gordon Hathaway, the school superintendent and our state representatives for their diligent work on the bridge matter.

Beth will investigate the status of all the bridges in Charlemont so that we will be aware of future repair needs.

Peg and Toby will work with department heads to prepare a five year capital request for each department.

Future revenue sources update. We will pursue a home rule option for revenue with the state.

Moved, seconded and passed that Beth and Toby will send a letter inviting the recreation companies to discuss town needs and future revenue sources. Place and date TBA. Toby will represent Finance.

Increases of hotel and meals tax will be considered as a warrant at next Annual Town Meeting.

Next meeting will be held on October 9 at 8:30, with the meeting with the school committees at 9:30 AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Toby Gould