

## CHARLEMONT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting: April 18, 2009, Town Hall, 9 A.M.

Attending: Norma Lynch, Richard Filoramo, Theodore Willard, William Coli,  
Camille White;  
Selectman Winston Healy and Selectwoman Jean Brissom

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss several Town Budget items and Town Warrant articles. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M.

1. Hawlemont Regional School -- Selectman Healy mentioned the recent vote of the Hawlemont Regional School Committee to have an article on Town Meeting warrant to join with the Mohawk Trail Regional School District. A discussion ensued as to both pros and cons of supporting this article. Further discussion will occur at future meetings and it was suggested that meetings among the Finance Committee and the Hawlemont School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools be scheduled.
2. Assessors -- As of this date, the Board of Assessors has not given the Finance Committee information which was requested at a joint meeting on January 17, 2009. R. Filoramo will contact Assessor Kane and also inquire as to the type of file cabinet the assessors are requesting. It was agreed that the cost of the filing cabinet should be removed from the budget and placed on the Town Meeting warrant.
3. Fuel usage -- R. Filoramo suggested the Finance Committee obtain a 3-year average of fuel usage for each fuel-using town department. N. Lynch will look into getting these figures.
4. Salaries -- Selectmen are proposing an increase of 1.7% for all town employees working 20 hours or more. The Finance Committee will take this under advisement.
5. Cemetery Flag Holders -- it was agreed that an article to raise and appropriate \$1,400.00 would be prepared and submitted by T. Willard .
6. Accounting Services -- Since the Accountant has resigned effective June 30, 2009, it may be necessary to increase the Accounting Services line item to \$17,000.00, more or less, depending on which service the Selectmen decide to use in the future.
7. Auditor's Services -- The audit has been completed for this year and the next audit in about 3 years may require a line item of \$18,000.
8. Ambulance -- It was agreed by the Finance Committee that the ambulance article should read it will be contingent upon other towns' funding.

9. Town Hall Roof Replacement – Selectman Healy and Selectwoman Brissom informed the Finance Committee the roof replacement has to be delayed as it now appears that, according to present law, the asbestos must be removed. This will probably add considerable cost to the project.  
It was noted there will be about \$15,000.00 remaining in the Town Hall Repair budget.
10. Road Repairs – The Selectmen have plans to hire an engineer to see if trouble spots on dirt roads might be repaired, therefore, the Town may need future funding articles from Chapter 90 funds.
11. Public Safety Facility – The Selectmen will not have a proposal for a Public Safety Facility this year.
12. Electronics Contingency – The Selectmen informed the Finance Committee that this is a new line item which is needed for repairs of computers, etc. which should be voted each year.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 A.M., Saturday, May 2, 2009.

A meeting of the Salary Committee is scheduled at the Selectmen's Office on Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Camille C. White, Recording Secretary

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