

Minutes of the Finance Committee

Town of Charlemont

January 12, 2013

Present: Rich Filoramo, Amy Wales, Larry Mann, Toby Gould

Call to order at 8:40 AM

It was moved, seconded and passed that the minutes of November 9, 2012 were accepted.

Correspondence – We are receiving assessments for budget year 2014.

Jared Bellows joined the meeting at 8:45 AM. Jared stated that the police fuel budget for the year has been reached and more. The details (officers at a construction site on a road), hired by construction companies and state of Massachusetts, have been heavy this year and were not included in budgeting. Jared stated that there have been 91 details so far in 2013 which have consumed 773 gallons of fuel. Patrols have consumed 595 gallons for fuel. 72 contractors' details have returned \$32.00 each to the town's general fund. 19 state details do not return fees to the town.

The following fuel usages apply to the past five fiscal years

2009 approx. 2161 gallons

2010 approx. 788 gallons

2011 approx. 1663 gallons

2012 approx. 1374 gallons

2013 approx. 1368 gallons – to date, already over budget

There is a need for more money for fuel to complete the year (until June 2013). Jared's projection is that there is a need for an additional \$5530.08 for fiscal 2012-13. Jared will adjust his figures for next year's budget.

Jared also is putting in for a new cruiser for 2014. The 2005 Crown Victoria has over 100,000 miles and is requiring much repair. This budget line is also over expended. The proposed new Ford cruiser gets much better gas mileage and has four-wheel drive. The new vehicle cost is approximately \$35,000, equipped for police work. The SUV is a 2005 model with 60,000 miles and is in good shape. The third vehicle is a 2010 model with 20,000 miles.

The following actions were taken:

It was moved, seconded and passed to transfer from reserve fund \$6000, \$5000 to police fuel and \$1000 to police vehicle maintenance.

It was moved, seconded and passed to make three amendments in budget preparation for annual town meeting planning. The amendments are on reflected on the attached budget plan.

Adjourned at 10:06 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Toby Gould