

Town of Charlemont
Joint Finance Committee and Select Board Meeting Minutes
April 9th, 2025
Town Hall and via Conference Call

Board Members Present: Rich Filoramo, Ron Smith, Jay Healy, Lynn Hathaway, Amy Wales, Kim Blakeslee
Others present: Sarah Reynolds, Star Atkeson

Rich Filoramo called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

1. Review/ Approve minutes from 3/26/2025

Ron Smith noted that the ambulance money that they had discussed was missing from the Minutes. Star will amend the Minutes to include a statement about the money that is set aside currently, along with the new amount of money that will need to be set aside to buy a used fire truck.

Rich Filoramo made a motion to accept the Minutes as amended. Ron Smith seconded the motion. All in favor.

2. Administrator's Report:

- Update on Free Cash-There is no free cash number yet.
- Police request for additional hours for daytime speed patrol. The Board discussed asking the police department to hold off on this item for next year, when they can get a more complete breakdown of police department plan to use the hours and the funding.

3. Budget Overview- The Board spoke about how they will recommend the town fund the school. Rich does not see the Town agreeing to pay what the school is hoping for. Kim spoke about her positive experience with combining grades when she taught elementary school. They will think about it and decide how to recommend next meeting.

4. Financial Warrants Overview Without the free cash number the Board is unable to recommend how to pay for the financial warrants. They will wait until the free cash number.

5. All Boards Meeting on Monday April 28 6PM, at Hawlemont, for Master Plan Update with Consultants from Dodson and Flinker The Board acknowledged the meeting.

Rich Filoramo motioned to adjourn at 5:18. Jay Healy seconded the Motion. All in favor.

Next meeting to be held on April 23, 2025.

Documents viewed at meeting:

Agenda of 4/09/2025

Minutes of 3/26/2025

Draft 3 Budget Worksheet

Financial Warrant Articles