



# TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Finance Committee  
Lawrence Memorial Hall  
2 Jabish Street, P.O. Box 670  
Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007



Steven Rose, Chairman  
Lynne Raymer, Vice-Chairman  
Melissa Hurst, Clerk  
Edward Boscher  
Laurie Shea

## Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 29, 2018  
Time: 7:00pm  
Location: Lawrence Memorial Hall  
Present: Steven Rose, Lynne Raymer, Melissa Hurst, Edward Boscher  
Guest(s): Ron Aponte, Nick O'Connor, Archie Archible, Gary Brougham, Jill Panto  
Police Department – Chief Pronovost, Lieutenant Pacunas, David Squires  
Recreation Department – Kyle Thibeault  
Animal Control – Anna Fenton  
BCTV – Lew Louraine, Peg Louraine

- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

### Police Department

- Discussion of progress made this fiscal year, including grant funding for additional training, domestic violence advocates, and a match on vests
- Discussion of positive impact that the Lieutenant position has had on department overtime
- Discussion of need to relocate the radio antenna from the old Franklin School at a cost of approximately \$28,000
- Review of proposed Police Department budget

### Recreation Department

- Discussion of positive steps made this fiscal year, including the MyRec online system and adding Wi-Fi to the beach phone line
- Discussion of possible future projects including leveling the remainder of Foley Field, the tennis courts, disc golf course, fencing in the CHCS softball field, parking lot at town beach, and gazebo/pavilion at town beach

- Discussion that Rec. Dept. truck, a 2003, now has increased maintenance needs
- Review of proposed Recreation Department budget – primarily salary increases

**Animal Control**

- Discussion of request for increased hours for Animal Control Officer from 30 hours to 40 hours, at a cost of about \$12-13,000/year, but this would not be offset by reduced part time wages
- Discussion that part time wages are based on actual wages rather than those from the prior year
- Discussion that fines are generating about \$8,000 in revenue, but this may increase with further enforcement
- Discussion of request for a new vehicle and if this could be arranged through repurposing a police vehicle
- Review of proposed Animal Control budget

**BCTV**

- Discussion of BCTV’s grant funding and request for funds to be set aside to upgrade equipment
- Discussion that the BCTV space was flooded recently and that an insurance claim is being filed

**Discussion of Free Cash, Stabilization, OPEB, and Revenue**

- Discussion that Treasurer/Collector Lisa Banner does not need to come in for budget requests at this time

**Miscellaneous Matters**

- Ms. Hurst distributed minutes from the January 23, 2018 meeting. Mr. Rose moved to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting and Mr. Boscher seconded. Minutes were accepted 3-0-1.

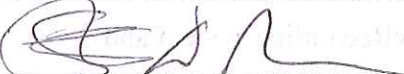
**Adjournments**


- Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

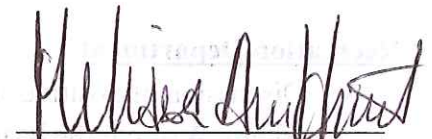
Respectfully submitted,


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Melissa Hurst, Clerk

FINCOM Town of Belchertown (Endorsed by majority)

  
Steven Rose, Chair

  
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