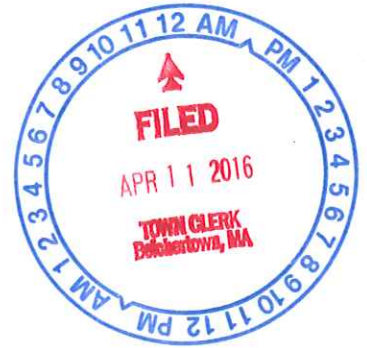




**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN**  
**Finance Committee**  
Lawrence Memorial Hall  
2 Jabish Street • P.O. Box 670  
Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007



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

**Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2016  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Location: Lawrence Memorial Hall  
Present: Lynne Raymer, Laurie Shea, Steven Rose, Melissa Hurst  
Guests: Jill Panto, Gary Brougham, Nicholas O'Connor, Ronald Aponte, Anna Kuralt-Fenton

- Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM
- Ms. Shea distributed the minutes from the December 15, 2015 meeting.
- Mr. Rose moved to accept the minutes. Ms. Shea seconded.
- Minutes were accepted 4-0-0.

**Old Business:**

- None noted.

**New Business:**

- It was discussed by the committee and its guests that, when asked to return unused funds to the Town, Belchertown Public School District Superintendent Karol Coffin asserted they were not required to return unused funds to the Town as other departments do. It was also discussed Ms. Coffin offered her subjective interpretation of Massachusetts 603 CMR 10.05 as substantiation of her claims. The committee discussed further clarification of the wording of 603 CMR 10:00 in its entirety by the State of Massachusetts and/or appropriate legal council is needed.
- Warrant Articles proposed for the Special Town Meeting being held on February 22, 2016 were addressed as follows: .
  - Belchertown Animal Control Officer, Anna Kuralt-Fenton, along with two BARC officers, appeared before the committee to discuss the funding request to construct a new animal control facility.
  - A general discussion of varied warrant items took place amongst the committee and its guests.
  - The committee voted on the proposed Warrant Articles as follows:

<u>Proposed Warrant Article</u>	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Vote</u>
1. Free Cash To Stabilization: At least \$437,000	L. Raymer	L. Shea	4-0-0
2. Holland Glen Property			No Vote
3. Former Patrick Center			No Vote
a. Authorization to buy			
b. Authorization to borrow			
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5. \$90,000 towards new animal control facility	S. Rose	M. Hurst	4-0-0
6. \$10,000 for engine replacement on Ambulance #2	S. Rose	M. Hurst	4-0-0
7. \$20,000 Council on Aging Needs Assessment			No Vote
8. \$11,000 to Police for hot water boiler	L. Shea	M. Hurst	4-0-0
9. \$10,000 to demolish old highway garage			No Vote
10. Amend Belchertown Transfer Station code			No Vote
11. Board of Assessors to appoint themselves to work at an hourly rate not to exceed \$17.5 per hour			No Vote
12. Add member to Historic District By-law Commission			No Vote
13. Zone change near 147 Bay Road			No Vote
14. \$230,0000 fro Removal of underground storage tanks at Chestnut Hill Community School			No Vote
15. \$9,000 for Timber Management Plan	S. Rose	L. Shea	4-0-0
16. \$10,000 startup funding for town playing fields	S. Rose	M. Hurst	4-0-0

- Ms. Raymer read the Finance Committee mail
  - Correspondence was received from Lisa Banner, Belchertown Town Treasurer, which notified the Committee that funds must be substantially allocated in FY17 to the Pension Plan.
  - An invoice from the Association of Town Finance Committees was received in the amount of \$204.00 for FY16 annual dues.

**Next Meeting:**

- Tuesday February 9, 2016 at 7:00 PM; Location TBD

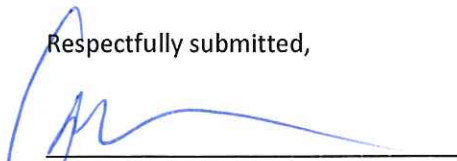
**Other Business:**

- None noted.

**Adjournment:**

- Ms. Raymer called to adjourn and Mr. Rose seconded.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Laurie Shea, Clerk


FINCOM Town of Belchertown (Endorsed by majority)



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Edward Boscher, Vice Chairman



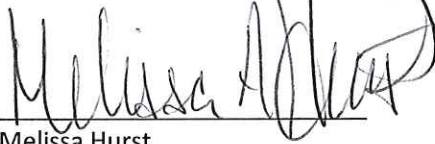
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