

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Finance Committee

Lawrence Memorial Hall

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Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007



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

Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Lawrence Memorial Hall

Present: Steven Rose, Lynne Raymer, Melissa Hurst, Edward Boscher, Laurie Shea

Guest(s): Ron Aponte, Archie Archible, Brenda Aldrich, Gary Brougham, Jill Panto

Town Clerk/Elections – Colleen Toothille-Berte

Council on Aging – Bill Korzenowski

Library – Sheila McCormick

- Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

Town Clerk/Elections

- Discussion that there may need to be a change in the process for early voting – possibly need an official with a voting machine
- Discussion that some funds are being reimbursed for early voting – forms submitted but no payment from the Commonwealth yet. Some costs to be reimbursed, but not all
- Shared sheet with local dog license fees
- Review of proposed budget

Council on Aging

- Discussion of contracted services – radio with the van and after consultation with the Fire Department found Goosetown Communications – rental agreement – fundraising is covering the FY18 costs
- Discussion of increased maintenance of vans (2010 and 2011) – Commonwealth sent title stating that van is past its serviceable use. Town Garage does not have a computer needed for repairs, so need to use an outside vendor

- For vans, grants are competitive – federal funds passing through state. Grant cycle starts in May
- Leasing options if not awarded grants
- Discussion that some staff are paid through contracts/grants, but this does not cover step increases
- Discussion that new assisted living facility will not be offering medical or shopping transportation
- Discussion of salary range for new department head
- Discussion of software needs – price for software was significantly higher than anticipated – MIS looking for grants, but Belchertown is not a community compact town
- Review of proposed Council on Aging/Senior Center budget

Library

- Discussion of increase of 2.8% in CWMARS, as well as increases for heating oil
- Discussed request for increased custodian hours and that current custodian has been donating time, request to increase page hours, and request for new computers – custodian hours are the highest priority
- Discussion that Friends of Clapp Memorial Library give approximately 50% of what they make at the book sales – last year was about \$21,000
- Review of proposed library budget

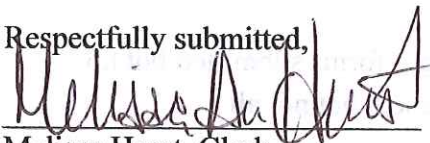
Miscellaneous Matters

- Judy Metcalf from the Board of Health to attend the meeting on February 7, 2018

Adjournments

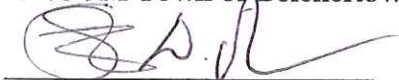
- Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

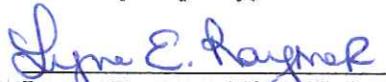


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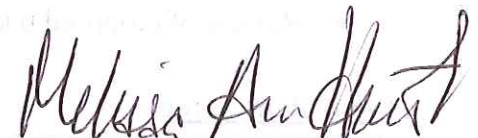
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