



## TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

### Finance Committee

Lawrence Memorial Hall

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

### Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
Time: 7:00pm  
Location: Lawrence Memorial Hall  
Present: Edward Boscher, Melissa Hurst, Lynne Raymer, Steven Rose  
Guest(s): Steve Williams

- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

#### YTD Budget Review

- No questions noted.

#### Transfers/Correspondence

- No transfers.

#### FY18 Budget Preliminary Discussion

- Discussion of previous evening's Selectmen Meeting and the 4-1-0 vote by said Board to begin the process with Level Service numbers.
- Mr. Williams indicated that he came to the Finance Committee out of a concern that deep cuts would be required to compensate for fixed costs.
- Discussion that there is not yet any savings on insurance costs as not all unions have finished contract negotiations/arbitrations.
- Mr. Boscher moved that the Committee request that the departments provide level service budget as described in a previous memorandum – Same FTE, cost of living, and fixed cost increases – but list mandates separately. Ms. Hurst seconded. Committee voted 4-0-1 in support of this request.