



TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
Finance Committee
Lawrence Memorial Hall
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Edward Boscher, Chairman
Melissa Hurst, Vice Chairman
Laurie Shea, Clerk
Steven Rose
Lynne Raymer

Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Lawrence Memorial Hall
Present: Edward Boscher, Melissa Hurst, Laurie Shea, Lynne Raymer
Selectmen: Nicholas O'Connor, Ronald Aponte, William R. Barnett
Guests: Gary Brougham, LeeAnne Connolly, Chief Edward Bock, William Korzenowski

- Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

Transfers

None.

Old Business:

None noted.

New Business:

LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator of the Belchertown Conservation Commission, presented the proposed FY18 funding request of \$20,000 on behalf of the Lakes Committee. The funding requested is to help offset costs of hydro-raking and harvester mobilization and a pontoon barge and operator for nine days. The Lakes Committee has also applied for \$18,000 in CPA grant funding. She further noted they hold fundraisers such as chicken and pig roasts. They have been using a multi-treatment approach and professional services to maintain the water quality of the lakes, which is at a 20 year high.

William Korzenowski, Executive Director, Council on Aging / Senior Center, presented the completed Needs Assessment. Mr. Korzenowski then presented the proposed FY18 budget for the Department. He stated his number one additional funding priority would be monies to perform additional community outreach to our seniors and secondarily, custom software to maintain a database of information on our senior population.

Chief Edward Bock of the Belchertown Fire / Rescue Department presented the proposed FY18 budget for his Department. Chief Bock noted during his presentation that the town needs additional paramedics to properly staff the Department. He estimates an additional \$10,000 increase to overtime costs in FY18 due to needing shifts covered as a result of staff electing to use their paid time off, on the job injuries resulting in staff being out on workers compensation until they can be released back to duty, etc. He further stated the air packs purchased in 2004 only have a 15 year shelf life and will need to be replaced. Chief Bock asserted the need for a new fully equipped ambulance to replace the oldest, outdated ambulance in the fleet.

Other Business:

None noted.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 PM; Lawrence Memorial Hall Auditorium

Adjournment:

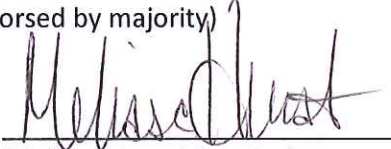
- Mr. Boscher called to adjourn
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Shea, Clerk

FINCOM Town of Belchertown (Endorsed by majority)


Edward Boscher, Chairman


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