



**TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN**  
**Finance Committee**  
Lawrence Memorial Hall  
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Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007



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

**Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2017  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Location: Lawrence Memorial Hall  
Present: Edward Boscher, Melissa Hurst, Laurie Shea, Steven Rose, Lynne Raymer  
Selectmen: George Archible, Brenda Aldrich, Nicholas O'Connor, Ronald Aponte, William Barnett  
School District Representatives: Karol Coffin, Dr. Thomas Laughner, Jeff Charron  
Guests: Gary Brougham, Jill Panto, Kyle Thibeault

- Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

**Transfers**

None.

**Old Business:**

Ms. Coffin reported to the group that the School Department's budget presentation at the March 30, 2017 joint meeting had not changed and a discussion ensued.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the previous requests for new voting machines, a new Police Lieutenant position, a vehicle for the Assessor, software for the Council on Aging, etc. Mr. Brougham requested the request for a bill scanner and the increase in Library hours also be considered.

**New Business:**

Mr. Brougham requested the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee consider utilizing FY17 Certified Free Cash to cover the snow removal costs incurred from the most recent storm and Health Insurance expenses from FY17. The group discussed Mr. Brougham's request and the detail he provided to substantiate its need.

Mr. Brougham reported the Tax Title Auction scheduled for May 4, 2017 could potentially generate a couple hundred thousand dollars of revenue, but that revenue would not be available to utilize until late 2017 at a minimum.

After a group discussion of Mr. Brougham's request to utilize addition FY17 Certified Free Cash, Ms. Shea Motioned of the \$881,000 available FY17 Certified Free Cash, \$110,000 be allocated to remaining FY17 Town expenses through the Special Town Meeting process, \$550,000 be deposited back to the Stabilization Fund through the Special Town Meeting process, \$10,000 be transferred to OPEB through the Annual Town Meeting process, \$111,000 be allocated to the School Department through the Annual Town Meeting process, and \$100,000 be allocated to the Town through the Annual Town Meeting process, and \$250,000 be withdrawn from the Stabilization Fund through the Annual Town Meeting process, \$50,000 of the \$250,000 Stabilization funds be allocated to the School Department through the Annual Town Meeting process, and \$200,000 of the \$250,000 Stabilization funds be allocated to the Town through the Annual Town Meeting process. Ms. Hurst seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

It was discussed that if FY18 Chapter 70 funds increased they would be allotted to the School Department.

**Other Business:**

None noted.


**Next Meeting:**

- Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 7:00 PM; Lawrence Memorial Hall Auditorium

**Adjournment:**


- Mr. Boscher called to adjourn
- Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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Laurie Shea, Clerk

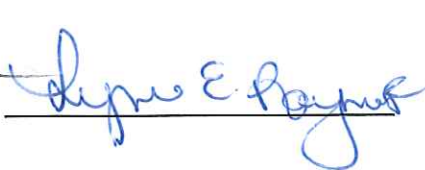
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