

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Finance Committee

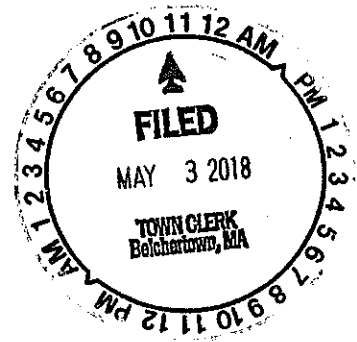
Lawrence Memorial Hall

2 Jabish Street, P.O. Box 670

Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007



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



Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Lawrence Memorial Hall
Present: Steven Rose, Lynne Raymer, Melissa Hurst, Laurie Shea, Edward Boscher
Guest(s): Brenda Aldrich, Ron Aponte, Archie Archible, Nick O'Connor, Gary Brougham, Karol Coffin, Heidi Gutekenst, Eric Lebeau, Brian Gibbons

- Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

Capital Needs/Bonding

- Discussion of possible bonding for capital needs, but not as a debt exclusion.
- Mr. Brougham and Ms. Coffin met regarding capital needs of Town and Schools and the Schools request approximately \$655,000 for capital items (CHCS oil tank, BHS track resurfacing, cooling tower, Swift River boiler, and BHS boiler). Schools indicated that costs are based on similar size, items, etc. and that any savings would go towards other capital items, such as replacement of the JBMS bleachers. Two boilers at BHS have failed, so the school is operating on fewer boilers than intended. Ms. Coffin indicated that the School Department is creating a five year maintenance plan.
- Discussion of removal/replacement of CHCS oil tank. Mr. Brougham requested firm, fact-based proposals. Mr. Lebeau indicated that the Schools are not opposed to an above ground oil tank for the replacement.
- Discussion of beach parking lot paving, which would add the property to town water and sewer.
- Discussion of paving the town hall lot, which would increase the amount of parking, as well as add lighting and islands.
- Discussion of replacement of tractor mower for DPW. The existing mower is very old. Mr. Rose asked if Ch. 90 funds could be used for the replacement of the mower. Mr. Brougham was

not sure, but indicated that when the Ch. 90 funds are used for capital, it takes funds away from road maintenance.

- Discussion of Fire Department needs and possibly putting an existing truck on a new chassis, replacing a pumper truck, or purchasing a ladder truck. Discussion of the few calls in town requiring a ladder truck and that surrounding towns have ladder trucks which can assist through mutual aid.
- Discussion of four capital bonding options with totals varying from \$1,765,000 to \$3,000,000 (note there was a typographical error as to the School request on the Capital Bond Consideration working sheet such that the correct total for each option is \$10,000 lower than listed in that document).
- Ms. Shea moved that the Finance Committee support Scenario # 3 (School Department capital items, DPW truck, Police Department roof, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for Fire Department, Class A Pumper Truck, Beach Lot paving, Town Hall Lot paving, and tractor-mower), for a total up to but not to exceed \$2,150,000. Ms. Hurst seconded. Committee voted 3-2-0 in support of Scenario # 3.
- Scheduled follow up meeting for 5/2/18 at 7pm.

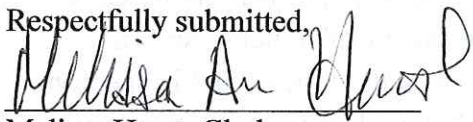
Miscellaneous Matters

- Ms. Hurst distributed minutes from the February 5, 2018 meeting. Ms. Raymer moved to accept the minutes of this meeting and Mr. Rose seconded. Minutes were accepted 5-0-0.
- Ms. Hurst distributed minutes from the February 28, 2018 meeting. Ms. Raymer moved to accept the minutes of this meeting and Mr. Boscher seconded. Minutes were accepted 5-0-0.
- Ms. Hurst distributed minutes from the March 28, 2018 meeting. Ms. Raymer moved to accept the minutes of this meeting and Mr. Rose seconded. Minutes were accepted 4-0-1.

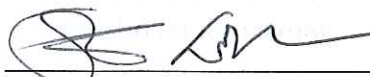
Adjournments


- Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

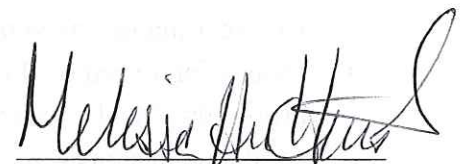
Respectfully submitted,


Melissa Hurst, Clerk


FINCOM Town of Belchertown (Endorsed by majority)


Steven Rose, Chair


Lynne Raymer, Vice Chair


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Laurie Shea