



## TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

### Finance Committee

Lawrence Memorial Hall

2 Jabish Street, P.O. Box 670

Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007



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

### Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 18, 2016  
Time: 7:00pm  
Location: Lawrence Memorial Hall  
Present: Edward Boscher, Melissa Hurst, Lynne Raymer  
Guest(s): None.

- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.
- As Ms. Shea was not present, there were no minutes for review/approval.

### Correspondence Review

- Bill arrived for Committee's membership in the Association of Town Finance Committees.
- Ms. Hurst moved that the \$204 membership fee be approved for payment. Ms. Raymer seconded. The Committee voted 3-0-0 approving the \$204 payment.

### Review of Budget/Actual Spending

- Ms. Raymer indicated that she has reviewed the actual FY16 spending for Town departments and no issues were immediately noted, though the audit is not complete.
- Mr. Boscher stated that he requested the actual spending reports for FY16 from the Schools, but they have not yet been provided.

### Transfer Requests & Approvals

- None.

### OPEB Review

- Committee discussed the proposal of pegging the OPEB annual funding to the Meals Tax.
- Committee discussed requesting additional guidance and confirmation from the Select Board.

**Sub-Committee Update – Revenue Committee**

- Ms. Raymer said that she was not able to be present at the meeting the previous week, but that the Revenue Committee will be meeting every third Thursday on an ongoing basis.
- Ms. Raymer explained that any Proposition 2 ½ override would need to be either for operational needs OR capital needs. Ms. Raymer stated that if there would be an override vote, it would need to be in the May 2017 election the week after Town Meeting and that two budgets would need to have been approved by Town Meeting – one level service and one beyond level service.

**Sub—Committee Update –Belchertown Schools Finance Sub-Committee**

- Schools Finance Sub-Committee has not yet started meeting and no meeting date was yet known.

**FY18 Budget Preliminary Discussion**

- Discussion of Finance Committee/Revenue Committee requesting in September a 1.5% increase budget and override budget.
- Discussion of the 3.92% increase in the Pathfinder budget while the Belchertown Schools had a 2.62% increase.

**Other Revenue Opportunities**

- Discussion of the Solar Farm being reflected in the FY17 revenues.
- Discussion of timbering plans.

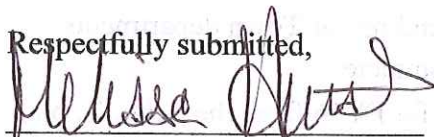
**New Items for Discussion**

- Update on new Police contract. Insurance premium division is down from 75-25 to 70-30.
- Discussion of FY18 objectives.
- Scheduled next meeting for Monday, August 15, 2016.


**Adjournment**

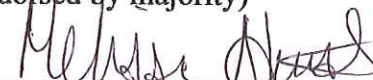
- Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

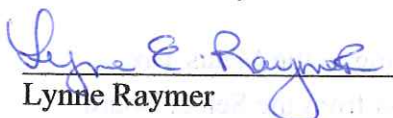
  
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Melissa Hurst, Vice Chair

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