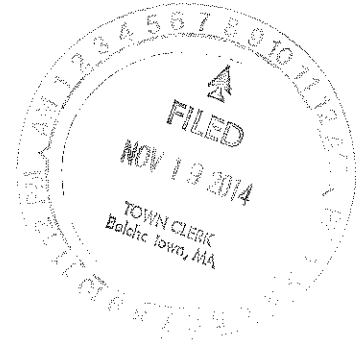




TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN Finance Committee

Lawrence Memorial Hall
2 Jabish Street, P.O. Box 670
Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007



Kate DeCou, Chairman
Lynne Raymer, Vice-Chairman
Melissa Hurst, Clerk
Edward Boscher
Steven Rose

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Lawrence Memorial Hall
Present: Edward Boscher, Kate DeCou, Melissa Hurst, Lynne Raymer, Steven Rose

- Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.
- Mail distributed to Finance Committee members.
- Ms. Raymer distributed the minutes from the July 7, 2014 meeting for review to the committee. After no corrections/discussion, minutes were reviewed and approved.

Old Business

- None noted.

New Business

- Committee reviewed budget reports as of 8/31/14. The committee members had questions about the percentage used of a number of budget items and Ms. DeCou indicated that additional information would be requested from Jill Panto, Town Accountant, regarding expense overages.
- Committee discussed how to proceed with the budget process for FY 2016. Discussed the Committee, in conjunction with other town bodies such as the Board of Selectmen, possibly contacting the local state representatives and state senators to discuss the needs of Belchertown, particularly in regards to state aid. Committee discussed consulting and connecting with other, similarly situated towns.

- Committee discussed setting up budget meetings in January 2015 at Lawrence Memorial Hall with informal visits to departments as needed.

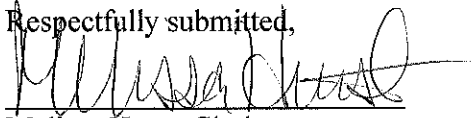
Other Business

- Committee discussed a recent call to Ms. DeCou from the director of the Belchertown Family Center regarding the Family Center's existence in the present facility (formerly Franklin School) after 9/30/14, which was the current vacate date. Committee agreed to contact the Finance Committee's liaison from the Board of Selectmen as the Committee members think that the issue is properly addressed to the Board of Selectmen as a policy issue.
- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.


Respectfully submitted,





Melissa Hurst, Clerk


FINCOM Town of Belchertown (Endorsed by majority)



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