



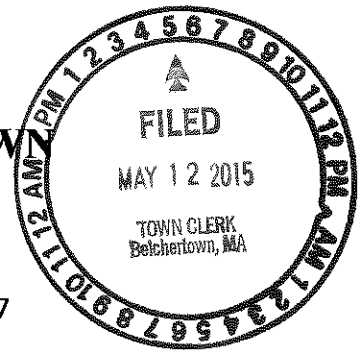
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

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: Thursday, April 23, 2015
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Lawrence Memorial Hall
Present: Edward Boscher, Kate DeCou, Melissa Hurst, Lynne Raymer, Steven Rose
Guest(s): Gary Brougham, Jill Panto, Michael Knapp, Jennifer Whitehead, Kristin Balboni, Katrina Staples

- Meeting called to order at 7:01pm.

Old Business

- None noted.

New Business – Added Agenda Item – Family Center

- Ms. DeCou added the Belchertown Family Center to the agenda. She indicated that there is an interest in having the Family Center function similarly to the Recreation Department with accountability to Town Administrator Brougham.
- Mr. Knapp indicated that there is a legal reason why the school cannot provide funding to the Family Center. He explained that there is a different setup in Northampton where the grant is actually to their School Department.
- Ms. DeCou read an email from Selectman Kenneth Elstein, who was unable to be present, in support of the Family Center.
- Ms. Balboni indicated that they fundraising arm of the center raised almost \$4,000 and that all fundraising has gone to pay utilities. She indicated that the funding from the Collaborative goes mostly towards Lori Allen's stipend.
- Mr. Brougham explained the history of the Belchertown Family Center and stated that he added the Family Center as an agenda item for the upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting.

- Mr. Rose questioned if town counsel needs to evaluate the relationship between the Family Center and the town and employment and liability concerns.
- Ms. Whitehead explained that the Family Center grew out of a playgroup that met at Old Town Hall, then moved to the Congregational Church. She indicated that it has been at the Franklin School site for about 15 years. She said that there had been some problems with the past director not being in agreeance with the Collaborative.
- Mr. Brougham indicated that all funds for FY 2016 have been assigned and that they are still working under the preliminary state budget.
- Ms. Raymer questioned what funds remain available. Ms. Balboni indicated that the fundraising association has about \$400 on hand and have upcoming rentals. She said that the fundraising association wrote a check to turn over the funds to the town to cover the utility bills.
- All Finance Committee members indicated that they would possibly be supportive of budgeting some funds for the Belchertown Family Center, dependent on certain circumstances.
- Ms. Staples said that the Collaborative does not permit the grant funds to be used for utilities.

New Business – Fiscal Message

- Ms. Panto said that there was a change in the funding for the van for the Council on Aging and they will be using their gift account for the town's portion of the purchase.
- Mr. Rose moved to accept the Fiscal Message. Ms. Raymer seconded. Fiscal Message was accepted 5-0-0.

New Business – Special Town Meeting Motions/Articles

- Mr. Rose moved Article 1. Ms. Raymer seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. DeCou will present the article at the Special Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 2. Mr. Rose seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. Raymer will present the article at the Special Town Meeting.

New Business – Annual Town Meeting Motions/Articles

- Mr. Rose moved Article 3. Ms. Raymer seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. Hurst will present the article at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. DeCou moved Article 4. Ms. Raymer seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Mr. Rose will present the article at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Mr. DeCou moved Article 5. Ms. Raymer seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Mr. Boscher will present the article at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Mr. Rose moved Article 7. Ms. Raymer seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. DeCou will present the article at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. DeCou moved Article 9, Paragraph A. Ms. Raymer seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. Raymer will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.

- Mr. Rose moved Article 9, Paragraph B. Ms. Raymer seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. Hurst will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Mr. Rose moved Article 9, Paragraph C. Ms. Raymer seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Mr. Rose will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 9, Paragraph D. Mr. Rose seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Mr. Boscher will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Mr. Rose moved Article 9, Paragraph E. Ms. Raymer seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. DeCou will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 9, Paragraph F. Mr. Boscher seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. Raymer will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 9, Paragraph G. Mr. Rose seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. Hurst will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 9, Paragraph H. Mr. Rose seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Mr. Rose will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 9, Paragraph I. Mr. Rose seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Mr. Boscher will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 9, Paragraph J. Mr. Rose seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. DeCou will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 9, Paragraph K. Mr. Rose seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. Raymer will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 9, Paragraph L. Mr. Rose seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. Hurst will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 9, Paragraph M. Mr. Rose seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Mr. Rose will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 9, Paragraph N. Mr. Rose seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Mr. Boscher will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 9, Paragraph O. Mr. Rose seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. DeCou will present this paragraph at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 10. Ms. Raymer seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. Raymer will present this article at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 12. Ms. Raymer seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Ms. Hurst will present this article at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Ms. Raymer moved Article 14. Ms. Raymer seconded. Motion was accepted 5-0-0. Mr. Rose will present this article at the Annual Town Meeting.

Other Business

- Finance Committee will meet on May 11, 2015, at 6:30pm before the Special Town Meeting, if needed.

