Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 12, 2015

Attendees: Roy Lainson-Chairman

 Valerie Bernier-Member

 Howard Whyte-Secretary

 Bill Darnley - Member

Start Time: 7:15 PM

A motion was made by Roy to accept the minutes from the last meeting, seconded by Howard and passed without comment.

A Reserve Request was made for Veteran’s Benefits, which is currently overdrawn, to the amount of $8517.96. A motion was made to move funds from the Reserve account to the Veteran’s Benefits account by Roy, seconded by Bill and passed without comment.

Current Reserve balance: $23,230.74

Animal Control Officer (ACO) Wendy LeSage met with the Committee to discuss her proposed budget. Last month’s action item, to see if Wales could coop with Palmer, Monson and Holland for a joint use phone for the ACO determined that such cooperation was possible. Roy approached both the Wales and Holland Board of Selectmen and received interest from both entities. Further discussion with the ACO determined that the ACO already had a phone for Palmer/Monson and that she really needed a phone just for Holland/Wales. This refined development will be reviewed by the Boards of Selectmen.

The ACO budget concerns were focused on repairs to the vehicle, which has languished for about two years. The vehicle is now at a commercial repair facility and no longer at the highway department. The ACO made an impassioned plea for prompt and efficient vehicle repairs.

The Committee began its detailed, line-by-line review of the budget for FY16, again deferring any salary discussions until the last. Finalized numbers for the Highway Dept. will have to wait until a new union contract is signed.

Next meeting: March 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn was made by Howard, seconded by Roy

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM