

**Finance Committee Meeting**

**March 11, 2014**

Present: Joe Armstrong-Champ (secretary), Kevin Stetson (chair), Terrence Myles, Dick Doucette

Guests:

Bob Hanson

Police Chief Fred Alden

Lillian Whitney

Started: 7:40pm

Old Business:

No old business reviewed.

New Business:

Budget Discussion

- The Highway Department budget was reviewed.
  - Bill Davis is going from hourly to salary. The new salary will be increased by his average overtime amount, so that his overall compensation will not change. Therefore, this change will not affect the budget.
  - Bill wants to hire another employee to bring his crew up to appropriate staffing levels. This will be left in the budget for now, but may have to be removed in the final version depending on money available.
- Article 4 of the warrant dealing with increases to the Dispatchers was discussed. They are getting an increase due to contractual obligations, but the final number has not been determined because they are still negotiating.
- The Police Department has asked for a 13.6% increase in their budget over last year. This is due to
  - the fact that the Chief has asked for 3 new Reserve Officers (part time staff)
  - replacement for a full time officer
  - an increase in IT expenses
  - the fact that we now have a full time chief instead of a part timer.

Chief Alden gave a detailed presentation on his budget. No decisions were made by the Finance Committee regarding this.

Next regular meeting will be on March 25 at 7:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47pm