

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 14, 2016

Attendance: Chairmen, Ed Hoak; Committee Members, Joe Freitas, Nancy Gajoli and Michele Hamilton.
Selectmen, Wendy Cochrane
Interim Fire Chief, Scott A Fournier

Meeting called to order at 6:30.

Reviewed the Finance Committee minutes of March 10, 2016, motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes, unanimously voted for acceptance.

At the request of the Finance Committee, interim Fire Chief, Scott Fournier presented a detailed explanation of why certain areas of the budget for Fire and Rescue for fiscal year 2017 had increase/ decrease.

- Fire personal increase of \$3,888.00 is due to the increase in call volume.
- Fire expense request was level funded at \$30,000.00
- Equipment (turn out gear). A request to continue the funding at \$16,000.00.
- Fire contracted services, an increase of \$2,000.00. This cover state/federal required inspections.
- Ambulance personnel increase of \$29,479.00. This covers personnel increases and a request for a Sunday medic. We are losing additional revenue due to sending these calls to mutual aid.
- Ambulance union contract, level funded at \$20,000.00.
- Ambulance contracted services, level funded at \$20,000.00.

A request was made by the committee to have Mr. Fournier provide call volume depicting the increase/decrease over several years. Mr. Fournier indicated he would gather this information and forward it to the committee in a timely manner.

In addition to the Fire and Rescue budget, the Finance Committee requested a list of capital items and in order of importance to the department.

1. Lucas Auto Pulse Machine at \$20,000.00.
2. Plymo Vents at \$16, 027.40.
3. IMC Software at \$18,045.00

A motion was made an seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00, unanimously voted.

Next meeting scheduled for March 21, 2016 at 6:30 in the Berkley Town Hall.

