

Town of Williamsburg

Minutes of the Finance Committee Williamsburg Town Offices 16 March 2016

Members Present: Paul Wetzel, Jacqueline Dufresne (left meeting at 6:05), Linda Rowley, Charles Dudek, Richard Kisloski, Charlie Heath (in North Carolina but present via Skype connection)

Members Absent: Eric Cerreta, Steven Romanowski, Chris Morris

Charlene Nardi, Town Administrator and William Sayre, Select Board were also present

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Paul Wetzel at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes from the meeting held 10 February 2016 were reviewed. Richard Kisloski moved to approve the minutes; Linda Rowley seconded the motion. Charlie Heath abstained; all other members voted to pass the motion.

The Committee discussed the FY2017 budget request of the Department of Public Works with department head, Bill Turner. The FY2017 department budget is level funded except for a \$5,000 increase for equipment maintenance. Bill Turner stated that newer vehicles are harder to fix in house and must be serviced by full time mechanics.

Paul Wetzel asked if the Town should expect to pay for the reconstruction of Mountain Street drainage around the reservoir in the future. Bill Turner said that state funding is being sought for that project.

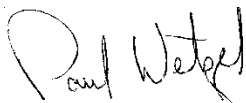
Jason Connell, Fire Department Chief, discussed the Department's FY2017 budget request of an additional \$3,000 for equipment testing by a third party company. Historically, this testing was done "in house" by Williamsburg firefighters. Chief Connell stressed that the cost of equipment testing by the department or with an outside company is nearly the same with the added benefit of getting the hose officially certified when testing is done by an outside company.

Chief Connell also described future (next 10-15 years) costs regarding fire protection for the Town. Some of those costs include the purchase of turnout gear for members and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs). Replacement of an engine is also planned for 2019. The department applied for a federal grant (\$265,000) to help pay for the fire engine that was recently purchased by the Town. There is no word yet as to the outcome of that grant.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on Wednesday, 30 March 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business before the Committee, Linda Rowley moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Charles Dudek. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul R. Wetzel