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July 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Harold Simmons, Kevin Welch, Dana Metzler, Christine Muir, Joe Dean
Absent: Ron Mikol

The meeting opened at 7:00pm.

FinCom Dues

The board voted unanimously to approve the payment of \$126 for membership dues to the Association of Town Finance Committees.

Transfers

The board considered a transfer request of \$5956.19 from the Reserve Account to the Fire Chief Wages account. The current balance of the latter account is -\$1110.05. The transfer request has been provided for in the town meeting warrant, so four members of the board voted to approve the transfer. Harold abstained.

The board also considered the request to transfer \$1905.49 from the Reserve Account to the Council on Aging wages account. There is still a gap in understanding how the state's grant money actually translates into a paycheck for Ruth Tully, but the board voted unanimously to approve the transfer.

Based on the Council on Aging transfer request, it was suggested that the town find a way to create paper trails within each department's budget.

Skydive Pepperell

Last year, a skydiver landed in high trees on River Street and his rescue required the use of special equipment from another town. The town was billed for these specialized services; we passed the bill on to the individual, who refused to pay. Charlie Rich, Fire Chief at the time, talked to officials in nearby towns – Hollis, Nashua, Pepperell – about creating bylaws to protect the towns in this kind of situation. Nashua isn't interested in working on this; Hollis hasn't responded; Pepperell isn't ready to consider or act. Dana asked what a bylaw could really accomplish, and Kevin suggested that it might just clarify the town's ability to act at own discretion on how to handle rescues and payments.

The calendar that Ron created indicates our next meeting is Tuesday, September 4, 2012. There is no meeting scheduled for August.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kevin Welch
Harold Simmons
Christine Muir
Dana Metzler
Joe Dean