

Essex Finance Committee
March 3, 2016
7:30 pm
Essex Elementary School

Members Present: Justin Bourgette, David Gabor, Mark McKenna, Ken Reihl

1. Transfers FY16 – There were no transfers this evening.

2. Old Business – Approved minutes from the February 1, 2016 meeting and the February 16, 2016 meeting.

3. New Business – The Finance Committee began the evening with a budget that was more than \$400,000 over the levy limit. The Finance Committee and Town Accountant discovered that partial funding for the dump truck could be through Chapter 90 funding which lowered the taxation amount by \$100,000. The Finance Committee used the remaining time to go through department line items and the capital budget to look for areas to reduce the budget. The Finance Committee decided to reach out to the following to discuss reductions in the requested amounts;
 - Police Chief Silva on reducing his operating budget
 - The DPW on the need for the dump truck
 - The Town Administrator on Conono Point capital requests, Conomo Point legal expenses and town property expense lines.

Committee members were tasked with reaching and soliciting feedback before the Finance Committee's next meeting.

4. Public Comment – There was one resident present for public comment. The resident asked if the Finance Committee had received or heard about website www.essexclams.net which discusses fiscal news for the town of Essex. Members of the committee had not visited the website but promised to visit the site before the next meeting.