

TOWN OF HARVARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes

Meeting Date: February 27, 2010

Meeting Place: Hildreth House

Members Present: Bob Thurston, Marie Fagan, John Sullivan, Steve Colwell, George McKenna, Lori Granville, Heide Frank, Collyn Bradley, Steve Colwell

Others Present: Tim Bragan, Town Administrator, Lorraine Leonard, Finance Director

Meeting Time: 9:00 am

Adjournment Time: 11:45 am

Discussions and Actions

- Bob Thurston opened the meeting at 9:05am
- Minutes from 2/23/10 and 2/24/10 were reviewed and approved
- Discussion on how Bob was thinking about budgets for each department
 - Park and Rec. – Have asked for more detail in their budget submission
 - Board of Selectman – True level
 - Schools – minus benefits
 - Cemetery – True level - We have asked outside Counsel whether we can use interest in Cemetery grants
 - COA – True level
 - Park and Rec. – minus benefits + additional cuts - Have asked for more detail in their budget submission
 - Fire – True level
 - Police – True level – Would like to get to a point where we have 2 officers on duty at all times – Surrounding towns do not have single officer shifts
 - Dispatch - - minus benefits
 - Library – minus benefits
 - DPW – minus benefits
 - Town Clerk – over budget – May be able to get back costs of additional election
 - Zoning boards – True level
 - Board of Health – Still no budget submitted – Should have this week.
 - Reviewed Town of Harvard Omnibus Budget
 - General discussion on each Dept.
 - Discussion around Building and Zoning Inspector costs – We pay 50% of fees collected to the Inspector plus costs incurred. – Is there an opportunity to pay for instance only 25% of the fees – Tim will bring the topic up with the Board of Selectmen.
 - Will invite Board of Health to Wednesday meeting – We are recommending to eliminate personnel line item because secretarial services are available elsewhere in town. Bob will send the email.
 - Tim will request of selectmen to request warrant article to support funding Agricultural commission (\$2,000)
- Lorraine presented a Reserve Fund Transfer request from the Pond Committee.
 - Tim questioned how much a new or used machine would cost. The committee responded that a new harvester would cost between \$115K-\$200K.
 - FinComm voted to encumber the expense unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

