

Townsend Finance Committee

272 Main Street
Townsend Ma., 01469



Don Klein, Chairman
Sam Grant, Member

Gini King, Vice Chairman
Nancy Rapoza, Member

Andrea Wood, Clerk
Mary Letourneau, Member

Agenda/Minutes March 10, 2016 Meeting Room 2 6:00 P.M.

I. Preliminaries:

1. Call the Meeting to Order - Don called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M. in meeting room 2, Memorial Hall
2. Roll Call - Gini King, Nancy Rapoza, Mary Letourneau, Don Klein and Andrea Wood were present; Sam Grant was absent. Guests present were Roger Rapoza, Keith Letourneau and Bill Wood.
3. Additions or Deletions
 1. Volunteer Response form from Donna Pinkerton.
 2. Snow and Ice Report - Nancy questioned why Equipment Repair was so high this year with relatively little snow?

II. Meeting Business:

1. Reserve Fund Transfer request from the Veteran's Agent - A Request was not submitted.
 - A. Information regarding Veteran's Benefits - The Veteran's Agent told Don that benefit can be rewarded to veterans, widows and dependents for almost anything so long as they meet the minium salary threshold. Most of the recent benefits have been health care related. If we run out of money we will not receive the reimbursement and will be assessed other penalties. Gini suggested that alternate sources of funds for Veteran's be looked into.
2. Review Articles and Budget Information - Don said that he received the budget material today and has emailed it to us. He reported that the Fire/EMS Department is out of funds in expenses for "energy" because the cost of utilities is greater than anticipated for the new Fire Station. He is also having problems with the new Ambulance and can't go over 50miles an hour.
 - A. Follow up on Town Clerks Article - The Town Clerk does not have to pay the wrkers until May 6, 2016 so if the Article appears on

the Special Town Meeting Warrant the expenses and salaries will be covered.

3. Update on the financial work group - Don said that the first meeting was very basic, but they will be meeting every Monday from now until Town Meeting.

4. Mail - None

A. The Volunteer Response Form from Donna Pinkerton. The form has been sent to Mr. Barrett for review and possible appointment.

5. Minutes

A. March 3, 2016 - Gini moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2016, seconded by Nancy, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

III. Adjournment - The next meeting will be March 17, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.. Gini moved to adjourn at 6:42 P.M., seconded by Mary, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.