

**Board Members Present:** Lois Stearns, Dan Campbell, Tony Matteo, Bernhard Porada and Chad Glover

**Also Present:** Deb Mero, Town Accountant; Brian Noble, Town Administrator; Jerry Wagoner Open Space

**Board Members Absent:** Bonnie L'Etoile

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Stearns. This meeting was not video recorded.

- **Open Space Budget Presentation**

- Wagoner presented the FY18 budget
    - Budget is based of \$1,400, no increase over last year
    - Five Year Capital request have the town begin to set aside funds to help the town exercise the town's right of refusal for chapter 61 properties
- 7:15 Wagoner leaves the meeting

7:16 Deborah Kern Library Director & Jon McGowan Trustee, joined meeting

- **Dickinson Memorial Library Budget Presentation**

- Kern presented the FY18 budget has a decrease of \$\$805.
  - The decreases were to Postage and to C W Mars
- Capital Plans
  - None at this time, but they (library) may be looking at CPA funds
  - They may also repurpose the funds for the storage safe that was vote at last year's annual town meeting

7:30 Kern & McGowan leave meeting

7:31 Heather Tower Council on Aging joined meeting

- **Council on Aging Budget Presentation**

- The only increase in the budget is for postage from \$315 to \$500 Dues and Membership up \$25
- Capital Plans
  - Tower requested WIFI Noble will look into getting WIFI to that part of the building the cost may have to go on the computer budget for next year (2018) the cost is approx...\$1,200

7:40 Tower leaves

7:45 Chief Leighton joined meeting

- **Police Budget Presentation**

- Leighton presented the FY18 budget notable increases were 13% MDT& Radar (radar calibration) 50% increase in meetings, 4% increase in FROG Radio, 2% increase in uniforms, 38% increase in dues & membership there was also a 50% Decrease in other purchases over all there was a decrease in expenses of -3% but an increase of 8% in Salaries & Wages when combined equaled an overall increase of 7%
- Capital Plans No cruiser for FY18, but there is one planned for FY19
- The Resource Officer has been a big success so far

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**Accountant & Town clerk Budget Presentations to be taken up at a later date.**

- **Transfers Request(s)**
  - Requested by the Selectboard to transfer the sum of \$4,185.00 from the Reserve Fund to the Police Detail Revolving Account #19956.
  - This is to pay for the costs of police protection and highway personal to install a security fence at the former Smith Property now owned by the Town.
    - *A motion was made by Porada, seconded by Matteo and VOTED unanimously.*
- **Transfers Request(s)**
  - Requested by the Selectboard to transfer the sum of \$4,185.00 from the Reserve Fund Computer Supply & Service #15510
  - This is to replace our Exchange server, migrate our current emails and set up the dot gov email domain. This will help to preserve our email history...
    - *A motion was made by Porada, seconded by Campbell and VOTED unanimously.*
- **Minutes**
  - The minutes from the December 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed.
    - *A motion was made by Glover, seconded by Campbell and VOTED unanimously to accept the December 12th, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.*
- **Mail**

Bernardston Selectboard notice to all the towns in District for a joint meeting with PVRs School Committee. January 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 6pm at the Senior Center in Bernardston.  
Budget for Farms Library for \$ 650. Same as last year.  
Budget Subcommittee PVRs January 5, 2017 7pm PVRs Library
- **Appointments**
- Bernard Poroda appointed to the Town Governance Committee by Stearns (Chair)
- **Meetings Attended as representatives of the FINCOM**
  - None.
- **Next Meeting (s)**
  - FINCOM Meeting 1/9/17:, Stearns to add boards/committees

*A motion was made by Glover, seconded by Campbell and VOTED unanimously to adjourn the FINCOM Meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm*

Submitted by:

*Daniel R. Campbell*

Approved On: 1-30-17

Approved By: *Lisa M. Stearns*  
*Chair*