

Buckland Finance Committee
March 29, 2017 Buckland Town Hall

Committee members present: Karen, Paula, Ben, Cynthia, Bill. meeting commences 6:15 pm

Reviewing minutes from March 20, 2017.

Questions answered: Buckland Recreation camp pays \$2,500 to rent space.

Technology update: grant money makes up the difference

Senior Center: selectman support full funding of \$15,000.

Karen moves that we accept the minutes. Ben seconds. Unanimously agreed. 5-0

Franklin Tech capital of \$7,440 will not be on the budget this year; it will appear next year. Without this we are \$9,800 below the levy limit. Includes \$15,000 for senior center, with expectation that this is a one-time capital request so we do not expect to see another request next year. This budget eliminates \$25,000 for the highway facility planning for this year, with the expectation that we will need to fund this again next year. Committee of town members has been formed to work on the highway garage. This will offset the increase for a new Smith Vocational School student (tuition and transportation total for two students is \$55,000).

The Assessment Overlay account has over \$36,000, but they do not want to release any of this money. If they do, the tax rate could be lower. **We would like to see a history of this overlay account over 5 years.**

Will need to review the memo at next meeting on April 17. Karen has made articles on the warrant line up with the memo.

We need a plan for Buckland Rec and Cricket Field. This year's budget is indicative of a holding pattern. We need to discuss this with the Selectboard.

Article Fifteen: We are not funding this this year, so we need to eliminate this article. Highway Facility description moved to bullet point under capital in our memo.

Article Eighteen: Change to reflect the funding of the full \$15,000 request for senior center planning and add involvement by Ashfield and Shelburne.

Article Twenty: No need to include in memo. 'We must vote on this at a future meeting, when we have a dollar amount.

Article Twenty-one: Are we changing the article about revolving funds? We are adding the Zoning Board.

Karen will work on the memo and then share Google Doc with us for review.

Adjourned 6:55 pm, Respectfully submitted by Paula Consolo.