

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF EGREMONT  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
6 MARCH 2018

ATTENDING: MRS. L. ALLEN, MR. M. BANDZIERZ, Mr. T. BERKEL, MR. R. NOVECK, MR. S. RAWLINGS

ABSENT: MR. R. SCARBRO

OTHERS ATTENDING: The Honorable Geo. McGurn, Vice Chair, Board of Selectmen

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 4:00 PM o'clock Chair Laura Allen presiding.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: Tuesday 27 February 2018 were accepted as recorded. 5 Yes, 0 No.
3. WARRANT ARTICLES (Special Town Meeting 27 March 2018):
  - a. Article 3 School: The Committee discussed the article at some length.
    - i. Mr. Bandzierz will inform the Special Town Meeting.
    - ii. Mrs. Allen shared her reservation about the expenditure and the total cost of the repairs to the building as being non-economic.
    - iii. There was discussion that the responsibilities of managing a historic building as not well understood, regardless whether it is a school or renovated for some alternative future use. Mr. Noveck will research this issue.
  - b. Mrs. Allen reviewed the components of the sources of funds for the Egremont School rehab project.
    - i. The list is as follows:
      1. 2013: \$24,000 for engineering
      2. 2014: \$58,000 tagged for school transfer from Library
      3. 2016: \$115,000 voted from the Town
      4. 2017: \$50,000 Grant
      5. 2017: \$98,500 Voted by the Town
      6. 2017: \$28,468 Private funds raised
    - ii. Mrs. Allen noted latest bids for the repairs tally \$358,000
    - iii. The residual needed is to be covered by the \$75,000 STM warrant item #3.
    - iv. *The Committee voted in a split fashion: 3 to recommend, 2 Not to recommend, 1 Absent on the Article.*
  - c. The Committee voted to recommend the regular TM Article for \$10,000 for a new motor fuel pump system for the Highway Department.
  - d. *The Committee voted 5-0 to recommend passage of STM Article #1 for \$14,700 to cover Police Chiefs Salaries.*
  - e. *The Committee voted 5-0 to recommend passage of STM Article #2 for \$2,265 for a voting tabulator.*
  - f. *The Committee makes no recommendation on STM Article #4 as it was judged as a non-financial issue remanded to the voters directly.*
  - g. *The Committee makes no recommendation on STM Article #5 as it was judged as a non-financial issue remanded to the voters directly.*

- h. The Committee voted 5-0 to recommend passage of STM Article #6 a recreational Overlay District, as supportive of economic enterprises which generate tax revenues and employment and are desirable to the Town.*
- 4. NOTICES: None
- 5. HANDOUTS: STM Warrant copies
- 6. COMPENSATION COMMITTEE:
  - a. Mrs. Allen shared collective bargaining details.
  - b. The Committee approved the highway Collective Bargaining Agreement 5-0.
- 7. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:
  - a. Broadband Update: Mrs. Allen noted that the Licensing Agreement with Charter was approved by the BOS and forwarded to the vendor.
- 8. SBRSD (Southern Berkshire Regional School District):
  - a. Mr. Berkel reported that he forwarded a series of questions to the Office of the Superintendent upon request after attending a pro-forma session of the School Committee on Thursday 1 March 2018.
- 9. The Committee voted 5-0 to recommend acceptance of all Chapter 90 Highway Funds designated for the Town by the Commonwealth.
- 10. ENTERPRISE FUND:
  - a. Mrs. Allen reported that Water Dept. Retained Earnings for 2017 are: \$6,788.
- 11. RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS: None
- 12. 2019 BUDGET REQUESTS – SEE SCHEDULE A ATTACHED
- 13. OFFICIALS' ITEMS: None
- 14. CITIZENS' ITEMS: None
- 15. NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday 20 March 2018 at 4:00PM
- 16. There being no further business to come before the Committee, the session was ADJOURNED:  
5:07 PM o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Berkel  
Secretary, Egremont Finance Committee

***These Minutes were approved 20 March 2018: 5 Yes, 0 No.***