Finance Committe
Minutes
October 20, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Wayne Zavotka, Chair, Maggie Parent, Mitch Soviecke
Excused: Ray Wilson, Dennis May

October 3, 2014 minutes were read and approved, with minor typographical changes, unanimously.

Old Business: Wayne reported that he had been contacted by Library Trustee, Kelle Quist. Kelle requested we send a representative to their November 12 meeting to discuss their budget process rather than attending our meeting on November 27th. It was decided that Wayne would contact Kelle to discuss the matter before making a decision.

Wayne reported that we had neglected to invite the Planning Board to the October 27th meeting and he would contact David Roberson about attending an upcoming meeting.

New Business: Wayne handed out a communication from Jack Williams concerning a Greenfield Recorder "My Turn" article about Northfield Mountain pump storage facility. It was decided to review and discuss this article at a later meeting.

At 6:30 p.m. Lance Larned, representing the Department of Public Works, Julie Shippee, Police Chief, and Sean Loomis, Park Ranger, were welcomed to the meeting. Topics of discusion were as follows: How does your group prepare your budget?
Can the budget process be improved? (roadblocks)
How can the Finance Committee better serve the process?

Each guest addressed the three topics and gave their opinions on the budget process.

Wayne informed the department representatives that the Finance Committees goal was to have their formal budget requests submitted by November 30st. The department heads were encouraged to develop 5 year capital improvement plans.

Meet adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Maggie moved and Mitch seconded. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Soviecke

Joe Marulla - Fire Dept Consultant

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