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MASSACHUSETTS

Finance Committee  
126 Main Street  
Ware, MA 01082

Meeting Date: Wednesday March 22, 2017  
Meeting Location: Selectmen's Conference Room

Present: Denis R. Ouimette, Daniel J. O'Connor, Scott Mosso  
Absent: Janice E. Hills and Brendan O'Neil  
Guest(s): Thomas Coulombe, Fire Chief and Kathy Coulombe, Fire Captain  
Quorum met, meeting opened at 7:02 p.m. Reserve Fund: **\$31,245.04**

## New Business:

Reserve Fund transfer request: in the amount of **\$1,769.48** made by the Fire Department to replace failed computer equipment that serves a dual purpose of system back-up and surge protection. While this request should have been more appropriately made by the IT Department, it satisfied the *Safety* criterion under M.G.L. CH. 40, s.6 of four: *Safety, Health, Unplanned Event* or *Emergency*. Motion to approve by Scott, seconded by Dan and passed by a 3-0 vote. The money to be transferred from #131-5701 *Finance Committee Reserve Fund* to #220-5400 *Fire Supplies*.

Reserve Fund transfer request: in the amount of **\$3,000** made by the Fire Department to replace funds used to repair parking lot cracks. The request was denied as it did not qualify for any of the criteria under M.G.L. CH. 40, s.6 of four: *Safety, Health, Unplanned Event* or *Emergency*. Motion to disapprove by Denis, seconded by Dan and passed by a 3-0 vote.

Fire Department (#220) budget: The TM has suggested a reduction in the Call Firefighter line item from \$35,000 to **\$17,500**. The Fire Chief has suggested reducing the FT firefighter line item by this amount and replacing the money via transfer from ambulance receipts. The TM would achieve the savings wanted while the shortage in ambulance receipts would be made up by taking over the Town of Hardwick's ambulance service since their volunteer service is disbanding by the end of this month. The call fire force in Palmer, for a similar number of responses, costs \$90,000 annually; the town of Monson, also with the same number of calls, costs \$76,000 annually.

## Old Business:

Minutes of March 8, 2017: Motion for approval by Dan, seconded by Scott, passed 3-0 vote.

MMA email: The Association of Town Finance Committees (ATFC) is holding three (3) regional meetings. The May 10, 2017, meeting in Amherst with cover Capital Plans. The other two (2) meetings are in Boston and Bolton.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 23, 2017

Annual Town Meeting May 8, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm by motion of Dan; seconded by Scott and passed by a 3-0 vote.

March 22, 2017, minutes reviewed and approved:

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