



TOWN OF MONTAGUE

Finance Committee

One Avenue A

Turners Falls, Massachusetts 01376

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Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 2015
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM
Place: 1 Avenue A, Upstairs Meeting Room

AGENDA – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

1. Approve minutes of September 16, 2015
2. Commentary and follow up on October 1, 2015 Special Town Meeting actions.
3. Preliminary information and questions related to Fiscal Year 2017 budget process.
Questions:
 - a. Mr. Kuklewicz has suggested adding an appropriation for part-time clerical help for town boards and committees.
 - b. Does it still make sense to keep IT expenses as part of the Shared Department, or should it be its own department?
 - c. Does the committee want to meet with all departments or just the usual suspects? Other options are to depend on department narratives for general information or invite departments to meetings before January so the discussion of department functions does not interfere with budget meetings.
 - d. Since the Town General Stabilization fund is comfortably above the minimum, should we plan on putting the \$50k that the Financial Policies recommend go there to the OPEB Trust Fund instead?
 - e. Preliminary agreement to request a single budget scenario, with level services. Additional needs to be on separate request with supporting documentation. To go out 11/16/15, due by 12/21/15, hearings to begin in January.
4. Topics not anticipated within in the 48 hour posting requirements

John Hanold, Chair

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