



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 21, 2015
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM
Place: 1 Avenue A, Upstairs Meeting Room

REVISED

AGENDA – VOTES MAY BE TAKEN

1. Approve minutes of September 16, 2015 (Finance Committee), October 7, 2015 (Selectmen)
2. Reserve Fund Transfer request - \$25,000 for Millers Falls Road Soil Stabilization (originally posed as \$20,000)
3. Answer the following questions related to Fiscal Year 2017 budget process.
 - a. Mr. Kuklewicz has suggested adding an appropriation for part-time clerical help for town boards and committees. Should this be added as an expense in the Shared Department and who is entitled to use the service?
 - 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. Stipends for elected boards were reduced to \$1,000 in FY2009 and increased to \$1,500 in FY2014 with the intention of periodic increases. Should they be increased for Fiscal Year 2017?
 - f. Are there any changes to the draft budget message?
4. Review calendar for budget process
5. Topics not anticipated within in the 48 hour posting requirements

John Hanold, Chair

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