

February 7, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting, started at 8:05

Meeting was attended by Terri Ackerman, Lisa Call, Larry Pape, Frank H., Matt Emsley, John Potter, John Kilkoyne, Bob Brown, Bruce Turner, Pat Campbell, John Dwyer, Albert Carlin and Chief Gary Chamberlain

Pat Campbell and John Dwyer led FinCom members through answers to our questions regarding their budget. Mr. Dwyer explained the library's role as: landlord, books/materials, systems and payroll. Pat just finished her first year of a 3-year contract. The contract is with the library's Board of Trustees. Frank opined about confusion when different directors seem to be reporting to many different heads; board of trustees or town administrator or a particular board. The Board of Trustees has been exceptionally pleased with Pat's performance. Pat and her staff are very resourceful and use every source it can. A cooperative venture within town is welcome and appreciated to help meet the town's needs.

Police Chief Gary Chamberlain reviewed his answers to our questions regarding his budget.

The difference in percent increases in wages is dependant on the officer, there may be an annual increase, per contract, combined with a step increase. The chief reported that the police department is now fully staffed. He also stated that the state reimburses, at the end of the year, 50% of the Quinn Bill expense. The IMC software will be purchased through the Capital Fund. Communications has seen a changeover, with all new employees.

Though we had no questions for Animal Control, Chief Chamberlain explained that the animal inspector is looking to increase hours and receive benefits. Ideally, this position could be combined with the hours he works in Princeton. We provided the vehicle and they could provide the benefits. Terri stated that as of yet, Princeton does not want to proceed this way. Talks will continue. Matt suggested a stipend to help cover cost of insurance.

Meeting adjourned by 9:00.