

**Town of Cornish**  
**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 26, 2017 7:00pm**

Present: Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence, John Hammond

1. Highway Budget – Review of Highway budget up 1.2%. Medical insurance is up \$19,934 due to 5.2% increase and retirements budgeting for a potential change. Increase in salt and 2% increase in salaries. \$500 reduction in phone, \$1,000 reduction gasoline, \$10,000 reduction in diesel & gravel, \$1,000 reduction in vibratory roller. Took off 2005 dump truck and added 2017 International.
2. Police budget level funded. Long discussion on Police Chiefs request for a new cruiser. He has raised \$16,310 but would like a warrant for \$21,190. The consensus of the group is to keep old cruiser, do necessary repairs to keep it maintained and do another 2 year non-lapsing warrant article for fund raising. Doug feels this is the wrong decision but understands where the Board is coming from regarding his previous comments that the second cruiser won't cost taxpayers any money.
3. Recycle – Changed budget from \$15,500 to \$22,000 to reflect the increased cost in trucking fees.
4. Fire Department – Increase of \$400 which accounted for an increase of \$900 in the membership line for the possibility of joining the Mt. Ascutney Repeater Association.
5. Health and Human Services – Increased VNA & Hospice by \$750 as the number of clients have increased. Decreased CT Valley Home Care by \$750 as the latest data shows a decrease in Cornish clients.
6. Town Office – Increase of 3.6% due to health insurance increase and 2% raise.
7. Since the rest were basically level funded, the Finance Committee and Selectboard quickly reviewed and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Lawrence