**Town of Colebrook**

**Board of Finance**

**Minutes to Meeting of February 25, 2014**

Members Present Absent Others Present

J. Millar, Chairman J. Dorazio T. McKeon

R. Carfiro C. Johnstone

T. Corvo

D. Johnstone

M. Neal

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman J. Millar.

1. T. McKeon presented the Selectmen’s 2014-15 budget. The proposed budget calls for expenditures of $1,732,468, an increase of $81,698, or 4.9%, over 2013-14. Principal components of the increase include: winter maintenance $25,000; health insurance $11,050; road maintenance $10,000; tree removal $10,000; salaries $8,035; and garage utilities, fuel, and environmental $10,010.
2. Several questions about the Board of Education’s 2014-15 budget will be referred to J. Chittum. The questions pertain to line items for outplacement #5611, tuition #5640, duties of the therapist #3440, and dues and fees #8110.
3. There was a consensus among board members to explore the possibility of paying for the higher special education expense required by the Board of Education in 2014-15 through a supplemental appropriation rather than a permanent increase to the mill rate. J. Millar will discuss this with the Board of Education.
4. J. Millar will draft a letter to the Board of Education about their 2014-15 budget, as required by Public Act 13-60. The letter will be reviewed with board on March 5, before it is sent.
5. A first cut of the town’s overall budget for 2014-15 shows a deficit of $231,067, assuming that the component budgets are accepted as proposed and that the current mill rate of 27.1 is unchanged.
6. D. Johnstone moved to approve the minutes to the meeting on February 12, 2014. Second, R. Cafiro. Passed unanimously.
7. T. Corvo moved to adjourn. Second, D. Johnstone. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha F. Neal

Secretary

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