

**Town of West Boylston
Finance and CIB Committee
Meeting of June 7, 2017**

A meeting of Fincom and CIB was convened at 7:00 pm in meeting room 120 at town hall. Attending were Chris Berglund, Paul Bohnson, Ray Bricault, Jaime Desanti, and Pete Murphy. Absent were Pat Bryant, Bill Fay, Pavel Loven, and James Marinelli.

The minutes of the meetings on May 8 and 15 were approved by a vote of 6-0.

Fire Chief Tom Welch was present at the meeting to discuss the Fire Department capital needs.

- Ambulance replacement is planned for fiscal year 2018 and will be presented for approval at the October town meeting. Ambulance receipts will be adequate to pay the cost of \$295,000. Ambulances are replaced on a 5 year cycle. Because ambulance receipts have declined, it is uncertain whether receipts will be adequate to pay for the next replacement. Following discussion, Ray Bricault moved to endorse the ambulance replacement at \$295,000 funded by ambulance receipts, Paul Bohnson seconded, the motion was approved by Fincom 5-0 and by CIB 4-0.
- Rescue Pumper Truck #3 will be presented for replacement at the October town meeting at a cost of \$575,000. The new truck will also have additional equipment to retire the current rescue support vehicle. These trucks are used frequently for traffic accident support, and now are experiencing high maintenance costs. Funding for the new truck needs to be clarified. The town administrator has indicated that bonding can be used. Following discussion, Pete Murphy moved to endorse the fire truck replacement, pending clarification of funding, Paul Bohnson seconded, the motion was approved by Fincom 5-0 and by CIB 4-0.
- The forestry equipment was discussed. This equipment is Engine #5, 25 years old, and a surplus tanker truck, 40 years old. The equipment is only called out a few times a year, almost always in support of another town. The department has a request with the state for another surplus tanker. There was discussion of whether any money should be spent beyond routine maintenance of this equipment. This was determined to be a topic for further discussion.

Volunteers were requested to serve on a joint committee to manage the coming sewer rate study. Both Ray Bricault and Paul Bohnson volunteered.

The Select Board requested the Fincom reconsider the question of the Special Education fund. The previous vote to approve was a tie. The Fincom and CIB both felt that a joint meeting of the BOS, School Committee could be helpful, but the Chair was going to convey to the town administrator the nature of the arguments on both sides of the discussion for her, and the BOS's, consideration.

After discussion, the Fincom decided not to reconsider since positions remain unchanged.

The next meeting is Thursday, July 6 to consider FY2017 budget transfers. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Pete Murphy
Secretary
Fincom & CIB