

**Town of Charlton**  
**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, July 23, 2013 5:30 PM  
Conservation Room, Town Hall

**Present:** Frank Morrill, Dan Prouty, Kristin Kustigian, Peter Cooper Sr., Katie Jordan, Joan Walker, Dennis Tully (later on Joe Szafarowicz, Robin Craver, and Rick Swensen also attended).

1. Meeting commenced at 5:32 PM.
2. September 9, 2013 Override Amount.
  - i. Discussion: What do we need to support next years' budget?

\$600,000 for stabilization and DCRSD  
\$40,000 for software licenses for general government  
\$50,000 for fire department mandated training  
\$65,000 for a dispatcher (including benefits)  
\$30,000 for the senior tax circuit breaker  
Total = \$785,000
  - ii. Revenue assumptions made:
    - a. Full 2.5 % property tax will be assessed
    - b. No change to local aid
    - c. No change to new growth
    - d. Meals tax ~ \$185,000
    - e. No water betterments will be paid by Charlton (ie. The Town will assess the payments to the residents prior to October 2013).
3. Water Betterments
  - i. Joan reported there is no update from the water and sewer commission regarding the likelihood of instituting betterments prior to budget season. August 1 commences the process for instituting 50% betterments.
4. Police Detail Reimbursements
  - i. Joan reported the new process is working well for payments that are currently due, but overdue payments are not getting recovered at a reasonable rate. Bills are sent. No collection service, or delinquency fees have been sought. The same \$200,000 is still outstanding, and there are several accounts to pursue.
5. Cuts to Consider if the Override Does Not Pass?
  - i. Discussion: There is agreement that the 8.8 % cut across all departments shown to citizens at the 7/9/13 hearing is unrealistic, and does not illustrate the magnitude of the problem to citizens. Robin is concerned outlining specific cuts could pit departments against one another.
6. Motion to support \$800,000 override amount.
  - i. Moved by Peter Cooper Sr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Prouty/ passes by majority (4-0-2)
7. Motion to Adjourn

- i. Next Meeting will be Wednesday, July 31.
- ii. Motion Peter Cooper Sr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Katie Jordan / passes unanimously.