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TOWN OF CHARLTON
Minutes of Special Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday – March 14, 2012 @ 6:30pm

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The Board of Selectmen met with the Finance Committee to review department budgets.

- *Town Treasurer Presentation* - Keith Arsenault – Town Treasurer presented his budget. Mr. Arsenault would like to keep the certified notes line item at the current level of \$2,500 opposed to decreasing it to \$1,764 as recommended. This is for short term loan fees. Expense and Equipment line item – increase of \$646 from last year. Tax titles and foreclosures – increase of \$1,835. Total department expense increase \$3,778. Mr. Arsenault also stated that the interest on temporary loans needs to be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to be able to pay for the short term loans.
- *Board of Assessors* – It was mentioned that the Assessors have no proposed/requested increases but it would be beneficial to talk with them as they over spend every year.
- *Veterans Agent* – shortfall this year due to a new family that has moved into Charlton. (husband/wife & 11 children) Funding changes based on the needs. Everything paid out by the town is reimbursed at 75% by the state (goes to general fund) Veterans benefits – request \$37,180 to \$14,267, all other accounts level fund.
- *Police* - Chief Pervier asking for an increase of \$43,000 for salary accounts to keep personnel – having a nineteenth officer saves on overtime. Discussion of when an officer goes on IOD and who covers the benefits. Discussion of needs for officers vs. costs; salary \$4,000 for contractual increases. Equipment - \$8,497 increase. (not enough last year) Utilities & Maintenance - \$,860 due to fuel costs; discussion about centralizing oil for all departments. Chief Pervier could use more money in his training and special services account.
- *Animal Control* – The total revenue has increased due to the amount of people being taken to court for non payment or licensing their animals. The ACO's are going beyond their duty. They are asking for an increase in their budget of \$5,000.

With no further discussion by the Board of Selectmen, motion to adjourn, seconded, unanimous.

Mary C. Devlin
Administrative Assistant

Accepted by:

David M. Singer, Chairman

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Kathleen W. Walker, Vice-Chairperson

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Brent Sellow, Clerk

Peter J. Boria, Member

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Frederick C. Swensen, Member