

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
Winchendon Fire Department Meeting
405 Central St., Winchendon, MA 01475

Present:

Thomas Kane, Chairman
Christian Orobello, Member
James Robichaud, Member
Doug Delay, Member

Katie Broome, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Dr. Maureen Ward, Member
Tonya Dokulil, Member
Charles Corts, Member

List of Documents Presented At Meeting:

- N/A

5:30 PM Fire Station Meeting

The Finance Committee meeting at the Winchendon Fire Department was called to order by Chairman Thomas Kane at 5:35pm.

The Finance Committee met with Chief Smith at the Winchendon Fire Department to discuss the duties and needs of the Fire Department. Chief Smith created a presentation to show the finance committee the different type of calls the Winchendon Fire Department receives for the town, including calls for fires, paramedic and EMT services, assistance for accident sites, assisting Winchendon residents with possible gas leaks, and other emergency services. The Finance Committee was also informed that there is a need for better staffing for the amount of calls the town receives. Chief Smith then went on to address the needs of the fire department, including an update of the technology needed to maintain the fire department's equipment and vehicles, an update of the fire department itself, as to fit all of the emergency vehicles, fit the need of increased staffing, and to allow space for classes for the public, such as CPR classes.

The Finance Committee then went on a tour of the Fire Department, to see the building, vehicles, and equipment, and to see firsthand the upgrades that are needed to keep the fire department running smoothly and effectively.

Chairman Kane called for recess for the Finance Committee, to return to the Town Hall 2nd floor auditorium to reconvene.