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**Town of Winchendon
Winchendon Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ulysse Maillet, Cyndi Leroy, Thomas Kane, Darlene Rossi, Robert Guenther and Christian Orobello
Absent: Ottmar Rau

MATERIALS Agenda for April 9, 2015 meeting
Monty Tech Education Plan 2015-2016
Monty Tech Budget

MONTY TECH BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Gould the Winchendon Representative to Monty Tech introduced Ms. Crockett, the Business Manager at Monty Tech and Dr. Sheila Harrity, the Superintendent at Monty Tech.

Mr. Gould explained that Winchendon sends 150 kids to Monty Tech. The budget is up 2.3% from last year. \$15,279.85 is the per student amount. There is around \$9,000.00 paid by the Commonwealth and the rest paid by the town. We have 12 more students this year. Chairman Kane asked how many slots were open. Mr. Gould said that there are 24 freshmen applications with 12 slots. He said that they pick up some slots from other towns. Ms. Crockett explained the town's total required contribution. She said that Monty Tech is at required net school spending. Finance Committee member Ulysse Maillet asked about the dropout rates. Dr. Harrity said that it is .3%. Chairman Kane said that Monty Tech enrollment is easing up while towns are sliding down. Local Schools are not doing well in the competition. Chairman Kane asked about the recruitment position on the budget sheet. Ms. Crockett explained that it is our career coach that is added into the budget. She teaches soft skills, resume writing etc. This position was previously paid by the Perkin's Grant. Chairman Kane asked about the E & D account. Ms. Crockett said that we are allowed to hold 5% but are at 2%. We are using \$500,000 in our budget. Mr. Gould said that we are on the budget all the time. It's different then the ordinary budget process. Ulysse asked if they were doing anything to reduce the energy costs. Ms. Crockett said that we revamped the energy management system. We saved around \$400,000.

TOWN FISCAL POLICIES- On hold

MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairman Kane said that the next meeting is April 14, 2015 at 7pm. Additional meeting are April 27th and April 30th.

Ulysse Maillet said that we need to elaborate more on the report for the Finance Committee at the Annual Town Meeting. Chairman Kane said that there were trends that should have been seen as trends. There are things that should have been seen. Ulysse commented that this is an opportunity to make a different report this year. We could have an overhead slide presentation. We can let the people know what's transpired. Let them know what the Finance Committee is doing. Finance Committee member Darlene Rossi asked where she could get copies of older audits. Chairman Kane said that he would make her copies.

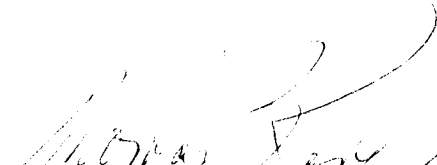
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ulysse Maillet and second by Robert Guenther.


Kane(Y) Maillet(Y) Leroy(Y) Guenther(Y) Rossi(Y) Orobello(Y)

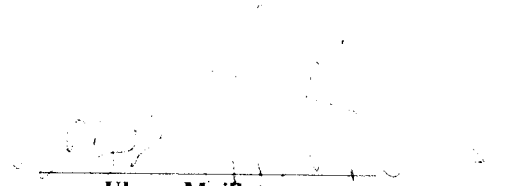
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

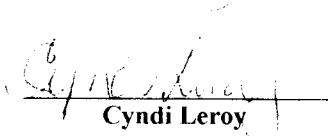
Respectfully submitted,
Debra Dennis
Recording Secretary

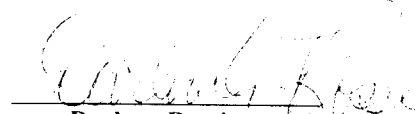
Minutes Approved *April 14 2015*


Chairman Thomas Kane


Robert Guenther


Ulysse Maillet


Cyndi Leroy


Darlene Rossi

Christian Orobello