

Brattleboro Town Finance Committee

Minutes

September 25, 2012
SB Mtg Rm

4:00 PM

Present: Committee members John Wilmerding, Michael Bosworth, Tim Cuthbertson,

Spoon Agave (Chair)

Others: Brattleboro Police Chief Gene Wrinn, Captain Mike Fitzgerald

Absent: Committee member Bob Rottenberg, Kathryn Turnas

1. Call to Order 4:00 PM
2. Agenda Review: No changes
3. Approve minutes of September 11, 2012: MOTION to approve Wilmerding/Bos
Passed 4-0
4. Announcements:
 1. School Board Chairs guests for next regular mtg, Oct 9; Send questions on
bond refund, school bussing
 2. Police/Fire fac. Project info mtgs Oct 3 and 17, 6:30 Senior Center
5. Discussion with Police Chief Wrinn and Capt Fitzgerald
Staffing levels determined by level of service wanted by town
Current staffing level two short. Effects response time, detective work
Current dept policy requires officers to be on foot one hour per day
Current dispatching 8 full-time, 4 P/T. Two full-time on duty at all times
Growth due to centralized dispatching. Single dispatch for police, fire,
Rescue
Additional positions: data entry (2), Animal Control officer
Wages level last three years
Vehicles: 8 patrol cars, 2 trailers (one for communications), one 6-wheeler,
Animal control pickup, Suburban (group transportation, shared w/ other
Depts.; Trailblazer for detectives and processing at scene, one unmarked

Vehicle. Ideal to have 9 patrol cars to reduce wear and tear

6: Discussion: Debt Management policy

Suggestion to use household income/tax burden ratio. Hard to nail this down

Suggestion to stick with standard ratios e.g debt/expenditures, debt/GL,

Per capita debt

Not enough time to discuss thoroughly. Will have extra meeting next week.

7. Adjourn: 6:08 PM