

**Call to Order:** -7:00 p.m. by the Chairperson – Amy Kelly

**Present:** Amy Kelly, Barry Chipman, Bill Degnan, Tara Welinsky, Town Administrator Karen Pinch, Jen Christensen, Assistant Finance Director.

- 01 Approval of the minutes of January 28, 2016 (V)  
**MOTION: B. Chipman seconded by B. Degnan to approve the minutes of January 28, 2016 as written.**  
**VOTED: Unanimous.**

**Correspondence:** None.

**Business:**

- 01 Consideration of Community Services budget requests.(V)\*\*

**Hope Valley Ambulance Squad, Inc. :** The fy2017 request is for \$50,000, the same as last 2 years. Richard Kenney, secretary is representing the agency. Required to purchase \$62,000 of equipment by the state that carries no funding from the state. Have arranged to pay off over a 12-month period. Richmond had 1,281 emergency calls last fiscal year.

**Richmond Historical Society:** The fy2017 request is for \$2,500. This is \$2,100 higher than last 4 fiscal years. Richard Wolke, president of the society is speaking on behalf of the society. Additional funding is requested to repaint the exterior surfaces and windows. Mr. Wolke has one bid for the work. Last painted in 2005. The society's main source of revenue is from membership fees.

B. Chipman asked if there were other bids considered.

R. Wolke replied that there were none. The one bid that was considered comes from a person he knows well and trusts his work.

**Domestic Violence Resource Center South County:** The fy2017 request is for \$5,000. This is a first time request. Mary Roda, Executive Director is representing the agency. Ms. Roda states that the agency serves Souty County and Block Island. Provides no previous funding request due to limited staff and no financial officer. The requested amount will be used for property maintenance; more specifically, the lawn, grounds and snow plowing.

- 02 Continued Discussion/Concerns regarding budget process for FY2017

Discussion about the coming contract talks with the police department. Any outcomes will affect the fy2017 department budget request. Too early to know the impact as negotiations have just started.

K. Pinch will contact Chief Johnson about attending the finance board meeting scheduled for 2/8/2016 to discuss his proposal for fy2017.

03 **Continued Discussion of Capital Improvement budget**

There was no additional discussion.

**Other Business:** None

**Public Forum:** None

**Adjourn:** Motion by T. Welinsky, second by B. Chipman to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.  
**Voted: unanimous**