Called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Ned Wolf with Ken Gilbert, Kathy and Jan Carr present. Gary Singley visiting.

**Fin Com joined BOS** at 6:10. Alice joined FinCom at BOS Meeting.

**The fincom will seek a 5% – 10% overall budget reduction.**

Brian mentioned there would be an additional cost of $3,000 for website management, we are switching to Montague Web Works. This also includes a small amount to pay Erich.

**Highway Department**
Truck#1 – full replacement
   Put $25,000 into it last year had a clutch put in. Will need $20,000 this upcoming year. By putting $20,000-$25,00 in it per year, it should last four to five years. The frame is separating. A new one is about $200,000.

Grader – has 8,000 hours (bought it with 6,000 hours). We have spent $36,000 for a new transmission and $16,000 - $18,000 to replace pin. It had five to six years of use, two years ago. It is too big a machine for our needs. Is a stainless steel body worth it? Treated salt - $77.10 per ton; untreated - $60’s per ton; sand is $20.00 per ton.

The salt shed is in dire straits, its trusses broken. Brian will come up with a repair plan. Tear down and replace with Quonset hut. Chapter 90 money can be used.

West Branch with chapter 90, balance on culvert pipe by McCutchen’s – Chapter 90 money used this year. $35,000 grant for culvert study.

The STRAP grant has been denied twice. Will use Chapter 90 money to pave bottom of Burrington Hill.

We were awarded $7,500 for a cardboard compactor – a new one costs $15,000.

Jeff is the only one with a license to operate the tractor. The sheriff’s department helped with roadside clean-up.

The current budget is $496,784. Jeff will try to reduce by 10%.

**MVP**
Robyn attended FRCOG meeting with Betsy. The grant money covers their assistance. Cut back trees by roadside, culverts, roadwork. 75% grant/25%town. Can partner up with FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Tim – Jacobs Rd**
Fixing door in gym and EXIT lights. The school has a 4,000g oil tank. Ordered 1,000g in November.
We use 200-300g per week @ $2.86 per gallon. Hartnett came to fix circulating pump. Tim bought screening to replace screens.

Alarm system – keyboard needs replacement
Palmeri Electrician bill - $1,000.00 ballast (outside); $400.00 parking lot lights.

**Returned to Fin Com meeting 7:40**
Discussed funding for broadband and concerns about cost of plowing Mohawk estates in order to keep the broadband project moving. School budget should be considered for cut - school population has decreased over last 10 years but costs continue to increase. Tax rate has not been certified yet. Heath has 70,000 in free cash. Current rate: $21.60 Heath’s tax rate.

Next week: no anticipated meetings at present.
Motion to adjourn 8:25 Seconded by Kathy Inman. Unanimously approved.