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EMS Training Reimbursement Outrage

Top salaried officials from the Town of Carver submitted reimbursement requests for a Saturday EMS training. As salaried officials ***any reimbursement should be made to the taxpayer through the Town of Carver general fund not to individual officials.*** These officials submitted for reimbursement of time spent at the annual EMS training held during the week of October 22, 2011. Reimbursement requests include Town Administrator Richard LaFond, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Pat Meagher, Police Chief Michael Mitsch

The expense reimbursement (see attached) was reviewed by Town Accountant John Adams and submitted for selectmen's approval. Two Selectmen, Franey and O'Donnell refused to approve the reimbursement as submitted. Reimbursement was approved by three Selectmen Angley, Ward and Hewins.

There are numerous inconsistencies in the calculations of hourly rates submitted for reimbursement. Some salaried officials put in for reimbursement at overtime rates (time and one half). There are unconfirmed allegations that the training lasted only 2 hours but reimbursements were calculated based on 4 hours. The base salary rate of one official is \$55.83 per hour. Two hours of straight time earning at this rate is \$111.68. Using an overtime rate of \$83.76 for this official for four hours results in a reimbursement of \$335.04. The amount of excess reimbursement is \$223.36 for this one salaried official alone.

Fixcarver has reason to believe this has been ongoing for many years.

As always Fixcarver is happy to provide the facts to the people of Carver. We urge you to read the attached file. ***We do not question reimbursement of hourly employees who are paid according to their union contracts. Nor do we question salaried officials who put in for two hours of straight time reimbursement and who are not responsible for approving the amount, propriety or the legality of such reimbursements. We do question those who approved this reimbursement to individual officials and those who put in for more time than they actually worked.***

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