

Town of Ashby Massachusetts

Finance Committee Meeting

June 28, 2011

Regular meeting called to order: 7:33 pm by Kevin Stetson, Chair
Kathy Panagiotes will take minutes

Present: John Margosiak, Joe Armstrong-Champ, Chris Haynes, Kevin Stetson, Kathy Panagiotes (sworn in: May 24, 2011)
Absent: Suzanne Caron, Brian Foster

Guests: Edward Drew, Chief of Police
Wm. Seymour, Fire Department Chief
Wm. Davis, Highway Superintendent
John Pankosky, Landfill Operations
John Mickola, Library Committee, Chair
Peter McMurray, Chair, BOS

Minutes: May 24 reviewed. Accepted with corrections and those will be reviewed at the July 12th meeting.

Old Business:

RFT 11-44 and RFT 11-51: re: repair of police vehicles. Mr. Drew explained repairs beyond budget, unexpected expense. Discussion re: general system of use of reserve funds. FinCom policy created for how to review these items; copies passed out.

APPROVED

New Business:

11-AT6: Review of \$10,000 year-end transfer and attached letter. Mr. Drew explained insufficient funds in line item.

APPROVED

Old Business:

RFT 11-43 and RFT 11-45: re: EMT OT. Mr. Seymour explained needs over budget.
4 approve; 1 abstention

APPROVED

New Business:

RFT 11-48: corrected amount from \$81.14 to \$81.32.
RFT 11-49

APPROVED

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11-AT4: Mr. Seymour explained unexpected need for snowblower.

APPROVED

11-AT5: transfer of \$1435.80

APPROVED

Mr. McMurray offered that this is a matter of transferring from account to account.

RFT 11-46: Mr. Davis explained traffic control needs when working with contractors.

Superintendent responsible for quality of products from vendors.

APPROVED

RFT 11-52: Highway OT

APPROVED

RFT 11-53: questions from FinCom; electrical work should be emergency to use reserve funds; new Town Accountant, Terry Walsh, will be requested by Bill Davis to print receipts for 015-422-520 for review on July 12.	NO VOTE
11-AT7: highway machinery repair	APPROVED
11-AT8: diesel fuel expense	
4 approve; 1 abstention	APPROVED
11-50: Library Building Expense (electric bill & repair of smoke detector. FinCom discussion re: need for supporting documentation. John Mickola will get receipts from Town Accountant to present July 12.	NO VOTE
11-AT2 and 11-AT3: RCTS- Trash Disposal. John Pankowsky explained tonnage, etc. increased from original budget.	APPROVED
11-AT9: Memorial Day Expenses \$397.33 over budget	APPROVED

Other Business: Comments from Public, etc.

- FinCom awaits review by Nancy Catalini Chew re: bylaw statement of FinCom absence
- Mr. McMurray discussed Town Meeting re: elementary school window and roof project. Mr. Collins will review how fines could be imposed re: FinCom members absenteeism
- Douglas Briggs accepted position of Town Administrator. Begins August 1, part time, and to be reviewed at the 90 day mark. Mr. Briggs is presently Town Administrator of Ashburnham. Mr. McMurray suggests an opportunity may be available to use state money to regionalize
- Russell Hill/Blood Hill Wind Turbine project set up by Ashburnham Light Department is moving forward. Because they are a private industry, not governed by a board, abutters do not need to be notified
- Discussion of how long a chair should be seated. At present it is 3 months for FinCom; some suggest too short, need for consistency. Suggestions to be discussed at July 12th meeting and chair and secretary will be voted in. C. Haynes said he is willing to take on the chair and J. Armstrong-Champ is willing to continue in role of secretary. FinCom would like to discuss some different formats for meeting and would appreciate if all of the committee could attend

Meeting Adjourned: 9:35 pm.

Secretary pro tem:
Kathleen Panagiotis