

Finance Committee Minutes

Date: April 5, 2010

Time: 7:30

Lillian Whitney: Chairman

Martha Svedberg: Secretary

Melissa Coyle: absent

Kevin Stetson:

Also Attending: Tim Bauman

Resubmitted December 2009 minutes, they still are not posted.

Motioned and not approved

10-23 \$2021.98 Needs invoice / was address at BOS, and were told to wait until Peter returns

Motioned and approved

10-25 \$10.64 Historical Commission utility bill

Kevin wants it noted that “he will not vote on old articles again”. This was due to the Town Accountant arriving @ 9:00 on 3/29/2010 fin com meeting, after having attended a BOS meeting with a draft on articles that had not been supplied to fin com. An explanation was given that we will receive several more draft updates and we will have ample time to continue to discuss & vote prior to Town meeting.

Reviewed and discussed:

Budget 2011

Discussed the cost for a full audit instead of just a review. This would also as be required to get bonded.

Martha stated she will not approve a budget when fin com cannot review financial documentation.

Mr. Bauman had an issue with fin com’s article #6 suggesting that fin com was selecting out one person’s wages. He also suggested looking at all the employees’ wages.

Article #6 was in reference to removing an obsolete article and fees, not the wages. As far as selecting out one person, the article was only written to benefit the Tax Collector, as compensation for services rendered. The town is now paying a salary for this elected position. (See October 2009 minutes requesting supporting compensation information which has still not been provided).

Discussed the assessor wages; per the regionalization contract, Ashby pays a full years wages upfront to the Town of Lunenburg. Yet the contract allows Lunenburg to distribute 12 equal payments to the assessor. (Ashby should be getting some type of a financial benefit from this / needs to be addressed before the new contract is issued in June)

Letter 4/2/2010 from Highway Sup (Bill Davis) regarding: (summary) road damage after flood, maintaining routine maintenance, current staffing levels not able to repair defects and problems timely, potentially endangering motorist and vehicle damage.

Town Accountant was running between a BOS executive meeting and the fin com meeting stating that the BOS wanted to arrange to meet with fin com to review the 2011 budget.

Next Meeting April 13 2010

Adjourned @ 10:15