

Town of Ashby, Massachusetts

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FinCom members present:  
Chris Haynes (Chair)  
John Margosiak  
Kathy Panagiotes  
Sue Caron  
Kevin Stetson (Secretary)

B.O.S.  
Peter McMurray  
Joe Casey

Town Administrator:  
Doug Briggs

Guest in Attendance:  
Alan Pease  
Lillian Whitney

Meeting called to order 7:35pm

**Old Business:**

Minutes of the 13 March 2012 were not reviewed due to Joe's absence.

**New Business:**

Chris motioned forward the Town Budget, we would do line, by line analysis of Departments, and there individual lines.

Also, I brought up the fact that the budget has no date, and/or Rev. # as it was, a couple of us had the wrong information. "These are public records that should have this basic information"

Sticking point, is "we" FinCom agreed to a 1.5% wage increase for all (Non-Union Employees) Doug's presentation had a 3% increase for all (Non-Union Employees)

Chairman McMurray stated they deserve the 3% raises in his opinion, due to the working world of 2-3% raises in the private sector.

FinCom members present decided we would go through the budget (as is) and make changes if needed.

The vote on this was,  
3 Yes, 1 No, and 1 Abstain

Also noted: B.O.S., and T.A. were just beginning Labor negotiations with the Highway Dept. and the following week the Police Dept. unions.

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Kevin S. asked the question regarding the T.A. position's Expense line (015-123-500) from the prior week's Expense report, Although Doug is the Ashburnham's T.A. He is part time with Ashby. We, (Ashby) pay Ashburnham \$1100.00 per week for Doug's services as constituted by the By-Laws, and Policies of Ashby.

FinCom decided that the Band Concert Line Item 015-630-520 be increased to \$7200.00

All remaining line items were more or less agreed upon with respect to the 3% raises. T.A. will speak to the Library; there are a couple of items in their budget that FinCom would like to know more about.

1. Maintenance to the Heating system
2. Vacation Time Coverage

FinCom's vote on the FY13 Budget as it stands (Realizing there will be tweaks) was, 4 Yes, 1 No The version of this Budget is: (Ver. 1.0 / Date 3/27/12)

One other discussion brought up by B.O.S.Chairman McMurray had to do with the 911 Regionalization between Ashby, and Ashburnham.

Ashby submitted for the grant NOT Ashburnham, if the grant goes through, Ashby would receive \$358,000.00 while Ashburnham would receive \$4800.00.

Next FinCom meeting will be at 7:30pm on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7:30pm

Discussions: Finalizing the FY 13 Budget.

Approve, Disapprove, or Take no action on Warrant articles on both the STM, and the ATM on May 5<sup>th</sup>. 2012

Meeting Adjoined at 10:20pm

Submitted:  
Kevin Stetson