

Town of Ashby Massachusetts

Finance Committee Meeting

July 12, 2011

Regular meeting called to order: 7:35 pm by Christopher Haynes, Interim Chair
Kathy Panagiotes will take minutes

Present: John Margosiak, Kevin Stetson, Kathleen Panagiotes, Suzanne Caron
Absent: Suzanne Caron, Brian Foster, Joseph Armstrong-Champ

Guests:

Joseph Mazzola, Veteran's Service Officer
John Pankosky, Landfill Operations
John Mickola, Library Committee, Chair

Minutes: June 14 reviewed. Accepted. Minutes of May 24 accepted with name corrected, Douglas Briggs.

Old Business:

Discussion of members re: choice of chair and secretary. Suggestion that chair role be rotated 3 times per fiscal year. Will await 2 more members this evening to review further.

New Business:

11-AT13: Recycling Expense APPROVED

11-54: Veteran's Benefit: Mr. Mazzola explained MGL Ch. 115 & state reimbursement. Unexpected death of veteran. APPROVED

11-AT12: Library Assistant Wages
one abstention APPROVED

11-50: Library Maintenance: unforeseen smoke detector repairs, heating fuel prices up therefore needing more funds for electric bill. Receipts from account unavailable for this meeting. APPROVED

Discussion among FinCom members re: recent policy for emergency transfers; what defines emergency; how to limit transfers from reserve funds at end of year; many small amounts at this year's end.

11-AT14: EMS/ALS Charges and fees. APPROVED

11-AT11: Fire Department; EMT Wages APPROVED

11-AT10: FD: apparatus checks, FIN Com see large amount. May need own line item for FY13. Mr. Haynes will review with Mr. Seymour APPROVED

11-56: EMT OT; practice fire not considered unforeseen DISAPPROVED

11-15: 95.86 APPROVED

11-53: Highway Expense; paying for operating expenses; ie., oil prices rapidly increasing, line item could not fund the increases. Mr. Davis sent documentation re: extraordinary needs. 2 no votes, 3 yes APPROVED

Other:

- Next meeting: FinCom would like to discuss year-end transfer mechanisms. Will invite Harold Scheid.
- Thank you to Brian Foster for serving on this committee and therefore serving the town.
- Discussion among members re: bylaw statement of absences and fines if not ruling is not met. Committee will review all conflicts that arise in a timely manner and work to find a satisfactory resolution. Committee will provide a team effort and endeavor to be more proactive.
- Chair is officially turned over to Mr. Haynes
- Idea to use “Google Docs” discussed. Easy to share information and put RFT from reserve and between accounts into a slide presentation for all to see at meetings and avoid overuse of hard copy. Further discussion necessary.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm.

Next Meeting: July 26

Secretary pro tem:
Kathleen Panagiotis