

**Finance Committee Meeting**

**April 2, 2013**

Regular meeting called to order: Kevin Stetson, Chair ( Joe opened the meeting at 7:09; Kevin in at 7:11.

Present: Kevin Stetson, Kathy Panagiotes, Joe Armstrong-Champ, Liryc Donald, Lillian Whitney

**Guests:** Bob Hanson, John Mickola, Library Chair; Doug Leab, Martha Morgan, Michelle Thomas, Library Trustees

Minutes: March 26, 2013 accepted with corrections. Final Draft sent to Alan Pease 4/9.

New Business:

No RFT's

Discussion at this meeting was related to FY14 budget.

1. John Mickola presented

R/T Article 16

- Explanation of changing oil fired burner to gas or replacing entire heating system
- Jim Hubert, Ashby Energy Efficiency Committee suggest converting to gas may save \$3500 annually. Total replacement may save \$4300/yr
- Conversion and new burner cost; approx. \$7200
- Replacement of system; approx. \$26,000
- Lots of maintenance issues with this system since installed 6-7 years ago

R/T Article 17

- Insulation needed for old part of library; never done when new wing constructed
- Estimate is for closed cell insulation \$12,000

R/T Article 18

- Camera monitoring system. Safety issues when vandals "keyed" employees cars; no view of children's room. Estimate \$5,000

R/T Article 19

- Chimney capping; without this rain and snow enters; birds nest
- Estimate \$500.00

FinCom questioned the large expenditure of library articles requested. Long discussion.

- A “page” position has been helpful to librarian
- Pay is minimum wage
- Library is open 4 days
- Approx. 14 groups use the building

2. Continued discussion of Articles with Bob Hanson

- Bob is trying to get the Guardian system to list equipment that they administer for the town
- FinCom gave the FinCom office computer to the Highway Department last year
  - Nice to have in the office but we do not see a need to place this office into the budget line for upgrade of IT

Next Meeting: April 9, 7 pm

Then April 10, (joint meeting with BOS)

Adjourned 10:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen Panagiotes*