## Town of Ashby Massachusetts

## **Finance Committee Meeting**

March 12, 2013

Regular meeting called to order: 7:35 pm by Kevin Stetson, Chair

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

Guest: Robert Hanson

Minutes: February 26, 2013 accepted with a correction. Final Draft sent to Alan Pease.

New Business:

1. RFT 13-06

Joe Mazzola: Veterans Agent

3,500.00 APPROVED

- Need additional Veteran's benefits for month of March
- State will impose penalty to give funds late in budget; unknown penalty
- More vets receiving funding, new Vet in town
- Unpredictable when someone will qualify for funding
- FinCom recommends this line item be increased for FY14 to \$40,000
  - Warrant Article draft #2
- 2. Draft revision of Reserve Fund transfer request procedure
  - Different from current procedure set down as a draft by FinCom in 2010
  - FinCom will review
- 3. Monty Tech and NMRHS budgets have been certified and set. No more changes can be made as of March 12.
- 4. Bob Hanson passed out TimeLine for Budget and Warrant; and Draft of Warrant for Town Meeting of May 4. FinCom set extra meeting date of 3/19 for budget discussion.
  - 2 line items of wages and salaries, and expenses will be separated out will
- 5. Committee reviewed line items of budget with Bob.
  - Information Technology will be a necessary and expensive budget item
  - Municiple building maintenance item needs increase
  - FinCom requests Mr. Hanson provide a list of IT expenses for FY14
- 6. Committee would like to meet with Bill Davis, John Panowsky, and Harald Scheid and Alan Pease. Kevin will invite these people for 3/19 or 3/26 meeting.

Next Meeting: March 19, 7:30 pm Adjourned 9:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

## Kathleen Panagiotes