

Town of Ashby, Massachusetts

Finance Committee Meeting

December 9, 2014

Present: Kevin Stetson (chair), Kathy Panagiotes, Sharon Cassidy, (welcome to our newest member!), and Richard Doucette

Guest: Fire Chief, Bill Seymour
Start: 7:30pm

Minutes from November 27 accepted with slight changes

FinCom **did not meet** on December 23.

Old Business:
Quorum is considered ½ of membership +one more.

New Business:

FY15 Discussion:

- Fire Department:
 - Bill and Wanda take 90% of calls and if it is a holiday, it is one day's pay.
 - As of now, 180 fire calls and 231 ambulance calls for 2014
 - Fire & ambulance calls for 2013 = 193
 - 45 people in the department
 - 2 years ago- 26 EMT's on call as volunteers
 - now 14; 7 on active duty
 - Chief states he gave more than 300 extra hours to the town. He cannot get OT, except on a holiday
 - Ambulance will be inspected in 2016
 - \$6300.00 so far for repairs....about \$200,000 for new ambulance
 - Chief's car is a 2005.
 - Ariel ladder truck will be repaired, a c. 1971 bucket truck
 - EMT expense line about \$12,000, of that \$6,000 has been spent
 - Chief suggest more full time people
 - Bill and Wanda (paramedic) work together as others have full time jobs
 - Wanda teaches and does the trainings
 - Less costly than to bring in outside agencies.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2015
Adjourned 9:25 pm

Submitted,
Kathy Panagiotes
Secretary