

Town of Ashby, Massachusetts

Finance Committee Meeting

February 28, 2017

Present: Kevin Stetson (Chair), Kathy Panagiotes, Sharon Cassidy, Doug Leab, Rebecca Walsh

Guests: FinCom was hosted by the Library. John Mickola, Angela Jack, Anne Manney, Claire Lavin

Start: 7:30 pm

Minutes not reviewed

We began with a tour of the lovely Ashby Library, including the furnace room.

Discussion: Library Budget

- Library will submit a budget. Usually it is cut and they are not notified of the cuts prior to the Town Meeting.
- Library trustees can negotiate a contract for the librarian, why can they not negotiate other positions. Librarian contract renews every 2 years. Library trustees would like a 5% increase for the director position
- Library pages are paid \$9.41 as compared to MA minimum wage \$11.00.
- Library trustees are considering creating a policy to charge NH border towns a fee of \$30.00 annually for use of the Ashby Library.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14

Adjourned 9:00 pm

Kathy Panagiotes
Secretary