

Town of Ashby, Massachusetts

**Finance Committee Meeting**

**March 28, 2017**

Present: Kevin Stetson (Chair), Kathy Panagiotes, Sharon Stetson, Liryc Donald, Doug Leab, Rebecca Walsh and Bob Hanson, Town Administrator

Guests: Chris Ewald, (Town Clerk), and Tiffany Call, (nominee for Town Clerk)

Start: 7:30 pm

Minutes of January 24, February 14 and 28 reviewed and accepted with minor corrections.

No meeting held March 14: Snow storm

Discussion: Town Clerk Budget

- Request from Town Clerk to increase FY18 budget by \$3500.00
  - Clerk position is 19 hours
    - Assistant clerk position is presently 11 hours. Request is to add 5 hours to equal 11 hours for the position. Position would become 18 hours .
  - Increases in duties are noted. Clerk is now assisting position of Electrical Inspector and changes in MA rulings added more work to the job description.
  - Clerk is now using the electrical inspectors computer and printer. That person does not use it and clerk needed one

Discussion : FY18 Budget

- First draft presented by TA, reviewed by FinCom
  - Current requests are very high, town is unable to sustain this
    - Departments are asking for new ambulance, new fire car, new street sweeper, new highway position.
  - Shortfall in first draft is 515,595.00
- FinCom suggests cuts in many areas

Laptop not available for committee to review budget on screen.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4

Adjourned 9:10 pm

Kathy Panagiotes  
Secretary