

Town of Ashby, Massachusetts

Finance Committee Meeting

February 25, 2014

Present: Kevin Stetson (chair), Terrence Myles, Liryc Donald, Kathy Panagiotes, Joe Armstrong-Champ, Richard Doucette

Guests:

Bob Hanson

Start: 7:30pm

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Review of final draft of Special Town Meeting warrant.

- Warrant closes March 12

- Articles 1, 2, 3
 - discussion about necessity of NMRHS athletic field upgrade APPROVED
- Article 4
 - Awaiting negotiations NO ACTION
- Article 5
 - Limited information; department has approx. \$12,00 in line item; could it pay from this pool NO ACTION
- Article 6
 - FinCom will often votes no action when no monies attached NOACTION
- Article 7
 - Police chief salary change APPROVED
- Article 8, 9 NO ACTION
- Article 10
 - Amended from 10,000 to \$15,000 by committee APPROVED
- Article 11, 12
 - General discussion over large outlay for Highway
 - Need for ↑Highway Road Maintenance/fuel line APPROVED

Discussion:

- Library director: salary negotiations are completed by trustees
 - No salary increase in FY14; for FY15 increase \$2.00/hr.
- Highway department superintendent will negotiate for a salaried position for FY15 (July 1)
- Highway Dept. budget related to plowing private roads
 - Years ago BOS gave directive to plow those roads

- Contractors (not town trucks and workers) hired for approx.
\$452.47 per road; (7 private roads).
- Bob Hanson and has been diligently working to review Town Bylaws and reviewing statutes to bring them in line with MGL.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2014

Adjourned 9:50

Submitted,

Kathy Panagiotes
Secretary