

Town of Ashby, Massachusetts

**Finance Committee Meeting**

**May 8, 2012**

Present: Joe Armstrong-Champ (acting chair and secretary), Kathy Panagiotos

Guests:

Lillian Whitney

John Mickola

Started: 7:40pm

Old Business:

No old business reviewed.

A call was made to Nancy Chew by Joe to determine whether 2 people is considered a quorum. Due to the fact that there were only 4 people on the committee at this time, Nancy said that 2 was a quorum. Kevin Stetson's tenure was up and he had not been reinstated at that point in time.

New Business:

The question came up of how to account for budget spending now that the department budgets are only 1 line. We will need more detail from Doug about the actual spending. This was tabled for future discussion.

John Mickola spoke about the efficiencies that had taken place at the library since it was opened. The heating bill has been cut in half. The electric bill was dramatically reduced by replacing bulbs with energy efficient ones and putting in timers. Some bulbs were also removed and not replaced. John was asked whether his position at the library was volunteer, to which he replied that it was.

Reserve Fund Transfer RFT12-11 for \$4,495 was passed for the Library Building Maintenance Fund. In particular there was a \$3600 repair to the furnace that was unexpected. The FinCom requested that bills and/or receipts be presented with the RFT in the future. (Chair note: I followed up with the Selectmen Administrative Assistant, Jen Collins, to make sure that John brings these documents to the selectmen meeting when they vote on the RFT.)

Next regular meeting is May 22 at 7:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45pm