

Town of Ashby, Massachusetts

Finance Committee Meeting

September 13, 2011

Present: John Margosiak, Joe Armstrong-Champ (secretary) , Chris Haynes (chair), Kevin Stetson, Sue Carron

Guests:
Lillian Whitney

Regular meeting called to order: 7:35 pm

The minutes from July 26, March 29 and May 10 are missing. One of the meetings may have been replaced with the Annual Town Meeting. Joe will investigate this possibility. All members who took minutes will look for the other missing minutes.

Old Business:
None

New Business:
RFT 12-06 from the Highway Dept to replace 3 chain saws that were stolen - \$1000.
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There was some discussion about what happens with the money if the chain saws are recovered. Chris will follow up with Bill Davis about this.

RFT 12-05 from the Highway Dept for overtime worked due to Hurricane Irene - \$935.75.
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Some members want to see more detail accompany this type of RFT. Chris will follow up with this, too.

There is a Special Town Meeting being scheduled in October to fund several items.

Town Administrator Doug Briggs wants an extra \$14,000 to add hours to the Town Account's salary. He asked Chris to present the idea of using a Reserve Fund Transfer to pay for this. The Fin Com unanimously rejected the idea of using a RFT to pay for this because it's not unexpected or an emergency. This type of funding needs to be handled during the budget process.

The Association of Town Finance Committee 2012 dues are due and were approved.

The next meeting will be either Tuesday, September 27 or Wednesday, September 28 at 7:30pm. If the meeting is held on the 28th, it will be a working meeting with the selectmen to discuss the Special Town Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 pm