

Town of Ashby, Massachusetts

Finance Committee Meeting

November 27, 2014

Present: Kevin Stetson (chair), Kathy Panagiotes, Sharon Cassidy, (welcome to our newest member!), Liryc Donald

Guest: Bob Hanson, Town Administrator

Start: 7:30pm

THANK YOU! To Kate Stacy, Town Treasurer, for many years of fine service to this town. Best Wishes and Success Always

Minutes from October 14 accepted with slight changes
FinCom **did not meet** on October 28 or November 11.

Old Business:

Quorum is considered ½ of membership +one more.

New Business:

FY15 Discussion:

- Fire Department at 92% of OT budget...Line item 015-220-516
 - OT may apply only to F/T EMT member
 - Can be drawn upon by fire chief when coverage for shifts is needed
 - OT to F/T EMT (paramedic) is used train other department members, (CPR, AED, etc.)
 - Only 8.5% of EMT wages; line Item 015-232-505; volunteer EMT's
 - Ambulance is 10 years old and may not pass next inspection
 - Ladder truck is failing
 - 2 EMT's must be on-call at all times
- Highway:
 - STM May 5, Article 9
 - Preservation of roads, Chapter 90 monies
 - 3-5 miles of roads, sealing/preserving
 - At present, superintendent, mechanic, 2 laborers
- Parks Department:
 - The original people did much for the town without being paid for it, the "labor of love".
 - Current person needs to be compensated for work done

- Legal budget line: over \$10,000 was needed for labor relations for the Police Department
- Definition of “encumbered”; example, if a project is contracted in December and work cannot begin until next budget, money is held in encumbrance until project is completed. Money may be allocated but not paid out. Usually wages/salaries are not encumbered.

Kevin will invite Fire Chief to next meeting.

Next Meeting: December 9, 2014

Adjourned 9 pm

Submitted,

Kathy Panagiotes
Secretary