

Town of Ashby, Massachusetts

**Finance Committee Meeting**

**March 25, 2015**

Present: Kevin Stetson (Chair), Richard Doucette, Kathy Panagiotes, Sharon Cassidy

Guests: Chief Seymour, T.A. Bob Hanson

Start: 7:30 pm

Minutes: March 11 reviewed and accepted

New Business:

RFT-05	Aging Ambulance Issues	(\$2000.00 only)	APPROVED
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Discussion:

- Fire Chief is requesting \$4000.00 for EMT expenses; eg., face masks, ambulance maintenance, repairs to truck tank gauge
- Some repair is done in fire house, but there is no lift to get under the vehicles; some work must be done by dealership
- Fire Chief is frustrated with so much aging equipment that continues to need repair
- Septic was backed up and it took time to locate and dig the tank

Budget Discussion:

- Draft budget presented by Bob Hanson
- Free cash at this time, \$296,673.00
- Ashby may come to a time when budget will shift into unsustainability
- Police station is an issue
- Repairs to Town Hall and other town building is needed

On May 1, departments will be able to manage their internal year end transfers

Next Meeting: April 14, 2015

Adjourned 8:45 pm

Kathy Panagiotes  
Secretary