

Members present:

Sue Caron
Kathy Panagiotes
John Margosiak
Kevin Stetson (chair)

Guest at Meeting:

John Mickola (Chairperson, Library Board of Trustees)
Peter McMurray (Chairperson, Selectman)
Nancy Chew (Town Moderator)
Kate Stacy

Meeting called to order at 8:00pm

Minutes from the previous FinCom meeting were not approved due to changes in wording.

Chairman McMurray wanted to bring FinCom up to date with some of what is going on within the town.

1. Discussion of the Ashby Elementary Roof project and that a Special town meeting would need to take place for the resident to vote. Peter thoughts were to have the meeting by the end of the month 30 June 2011. This would ensure the filling of papers and acknowledgement to the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA").
2. Ms. Terry Walsh of Pepperell, MA is the New Town Accountant
3. The Wheeler Road Construction Project is to start 20 June 2011
4. Mr. Douglas Briggs, Ashburnham Town Administrator met with the Selectman to discuss Ashby's open Town Administrator position.

Chairman Mickola of the Library Board of Trustees came to explain the reason for RFT #11-47 in the amount of \$4259.11 Due to the previous year's budget there was a short fall. FinCom did approve the RFT.

Questions within FinCom arose from RFT #11-43, and #11-45 these are for Firefighter EMT overtime wages.

Kevin Stetson agreed to contact Fire Chief Bill Seymour to see if he can attend the next FinCom meeting. Both RFT #11-43, and #11-45 were denied.

Questions within FinCom arose RFT #11-46 this is for highway department overtime wages.

Kevin Stetson agreed to contact Superintendent Bill Davis to see if he can attend the next FinCom meeting. RFT #11-46 was denied.

RTF #11-44 was not approved; this was a police expense for repair to one of the police cruisers in the amount of \$312.69. There budget line # 015-210-520 has a balance of \$5,152.09

Nancy Chew (Town Moderator)

Nancy's presence was for the Special Town meeting warrant.

Nancy was also asked about the Town Bylaws pertaining to FinCom members who have missed meetings.

Her response was she would contact the Town Clerk for more information on this matter.

Below is copy of FinCom Bylaws,

A FinCom member questioned whether the Town Bylaws were being followed properly; Reference Town Bylaw IV "section 3. Sentence 3 reads as follows: If any member is absent from four consecutive meetings of the said committee, except in case of illness, his or her position shall be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled as herein provided". Section 4 of the General Provisions states a fine shall be levied of \$300.00 if the provisions of the bylaws are violated. The committee is trying to understand the proper procedure of the Town government. Prior direction of the Moderator may or may not violate the Town ByLaw documents. Needs further review.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:16pm