

Town of Ashby, Massachusetts

Finance Committee Meeting

February 10, 2015

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

Guests: Bob Hanson, TA, Fred Alden, Chief of PD

Start: 7:30 pm

NO MEETING HELD January 27, 2015. Cancelled due to snow storm.

New Business:

RFT 15-02	Legal Expenses	\$8,000 APPROVED
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- Recall election activities
- Remainder of negotiations for contracts (highway, police)

RFT-03	Police Department	\$3,114.64 APPROVED
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- Lock-up fees-Lunenburg
- State police can handle only adult males, non-suicidal prisoners
- Others must go to Lunenburg or other PD.
- Unable to estimate on lock-up usage

Discussions:

Related to need for new Police Station

- Costly proposal; FinCom sees it as a necessity
- Current building in very poor condition

Related to Highway:

- Unusual winter is understood
- Winter operations may end up taking all of Free Cash
- Will taxes need to be raised for increasingly expensive plowing, sanding and salting
- Will FEMA and then MEMA allocate funds for snow emergency days

Next Meeting: February 24, 2015

Adjourned 9:30 pm

Kathy Panagiotes
Secretary