

Town of Ashby, Massachusetts

JOINT Finance Committee/BOS Meeting

April 9, 2018

Present: Kevin Stetson (Chair), Kathy Panagiotes, Sharon Stetson, Lyric Donald, Janet Flinkstrom, Mark Haines, Mike McCullum

Start: 7:30 pm

Public: Rick Shaw

FY19 Budget Discussion/Concerns:

- Kevin suggests that the TA should have been at his meeting since FinCom has not yet seen the final budget or the warrant articles.
- Is there a low-high salary range for posted positions?
 - Never has been the practice~BOS
- What is the cost to have Town Meetings?
- Buildings repair amount discussed; change to 100,000.00~ voted by BOS 3/0 to accept lower money
- 1.5% raise suggested for non-contract employees
- FinCom suggests areas to eliminate are NEMLEC and all 900 lines (unclassified)
- Concerns about the 900 line~Unclassified. What is this and why is it in budget?
 - Highway 250. plus 4000. plus machinery 1000.
 - Police 1500.
 - BOH 211. and 761.
 - Library 900.
 - Administration 200.
 - Council on Aging 200.
 - Conservation 230
 - Dog Officer 400.
 - Elec. Inspector 100.

- Dispatch~misc other 110.
- 2018 Special and Annual TM Warrants/FinCom Votes
- STM
 - A1: 3 yes/1 abstain
 - A2: 2 yes/2no
 - A3: 4 yes
- TM
 - A1, 2, 3, 4, 5: No Action
 - A6: 4 yes
 - A7, 8: No Action
 - A9.Budget: approve after adjusting/deleting/renaming/ all Unclassified
 - A10: 4 yes
 - A11: No Action
 - A12: 3 yes/1 no action
 - A13: 4 yes after reducing from 150,000 to 100,000
 - A14: 4 yes
 - A15: 2 yes/1 no/1 No Action
 - A16, 17, 18, 19, 20: No Action
 - A21: 4 yes
 - A22: 4yes

Terms:

- Free Cash: did not get spent in previous fiscal year
- Stabilization Fund: savings for a type of disaster or for a project. Cannot ever be earmarked. Needs 2/3 majority vote to pass.
- Capital Exclusion: needs 2/3 majority vote to pass

Adjourned 10:43 pm

Next Meeting: April 24

Kathy Panagiotes

Secretary