

MEETING MINUTES OF ASHFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday January 29th, 2014

Members Present: Ted Murray (Chair), Ricki Carroll, David Newell, Janet Rogers, Tom Schreiber

Ted called the meeting to order at approximately 7:14 PM.

1. Minutes: David moved to approve the minutes of January 15th, Ted seconded, vote 3-0-0 (Tom and Janet came in after this). David moved to accept the minutes of January 22nd, Ted seconded, vote 3-0-0.

2. Vocational Education: David gave an update he spoke about the main focus now being transportation. Struggling with other towns and contractors about what we are paying. David is working on pulling it all together cohesively.

Ted and David met with the Select Board to see if the town would be willing to furnish fuel for busing and they agreed. Dave went back to the contractor and discussed options, they came back with a reduced bid on the assumption fuel would average \$3.50/gallon, Dave is going back and forth with these possibilities. The details are being worked out and it looks like over a 5 year contract we will be able to save money for the town.

3. Finance Committee Manual: We discussed corrections, and made suggestions for some changes. Ted will send Ricki a copy by email in a word document and Ricki will format the draft.

4. Tighe & Bond: David gave an financial overview of the project for Ted and Tom who had not made it to the meeting.

5. Next Meeting: February 3rd there will be joint meeting with the Select Board at 7pm. Following meetings with the Select Board are on Feb. 17th, March 3rd, 17th and 31st. There is a School Board Budget Hearing meeting February 12th, 7pm and on February 26th at 7pm there is a vote on the budget.

5. There being no other business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm

Submitted by,

Ricki Carroll

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