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**MEETING MINUTES OF ASHFIELD FINANCE COMMITTEE
AND SELECT BOARD
Town Hall Conference Room
April 22, 2015**

Members Present:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ted Murray (Chair), Janet Rogers, and Ricki Carroll
(Janet Rogers had to leave at 5:32 PM and David Newell arrived at 6:00 PM)

SELECT BOARD: Ron Coler (Todd arrived at 5:25 PM and Tom Carter, Chair,
arrived at 6:13 PM)

Open

Ted Murray called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

Appointments

Joe Markarian of FRCOG reviewed and discussed our budgeting spreadsheet. He then walked us through various calculations and related them to the Gateway system and other Department of Revenue (DOR) online databases. In the course of his remarks, he dealt with timelines for the budgeting process, sources of revenue, expense categorization, and the calculation of excess levy capacity. He also explained how transfers among budget accounts could be made and how to interpret the DOR's tax rate recap sheet. He distributed handouts to guide our discussion (see Document 2).

MBI Broadband Public Meeting

At 6:00 PM the Finance Committee and Select Board adjourned to the larger Downstairs Town Hall meeting room to attend the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) public meeting. Further details about building out the last mile of broadband service and MBI's grant application process were presented and discussed in an open question and answer session.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ted Murray

DOCUMENT LIST

1. Agendas (1a and 1b) for April 22, 2015 meetings at 5 PM and 6 PM
2. Financial worksheets with supporting schedules and data bases from Joe Markarian