

Accepted: 06/18/2014

Voted: 5-0-0

Finance Committee Meeting
May 3, 2014

Called to order at 9:35 am at Ashfield Town Hall.

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

Minutes from Tuesday, April 29, 2014 approved as amended. 5-0

Proposed revision to Minutes of 4/29/14:

Recommendations are as follows:

Articles 1, 2, 11, 13, and 36: NO RECOMMENDATIONS because they are not financial (Article 36 is expected to be deferred to a Special Town Meeting)

Articles 3-10, 12, 15-34: Recommend FOR unanimously (5-0-0)

Article 6: David will speak about long-term issues for school financing

Article 8: David will explain increased in Voc Ed expenses

Article 14: Recommend AGAINST (1-2-2)* as written; Instead, Ted to offer amendment that states: "To see if the town will authorize the Select Board to discharge the lien on the Ashfield House, LLC for a cash settlement." Recommend FOR this (4-1-0) [4 in favor; RC opposed].

Article 35: Recommend AGAINST this unanimously (0-5-0) because of concern about inadequacy of funding and anticipated open-ended (and therefore unknown) amount of funding for snow removal. We will ask for more information. If the \$5,000 amount is deleted, NO RECOMMENDATION by Finance Committee.

Discussion around proposed amendments and recommendations from FinCom and talking points for ATM.

* [Unable to reconstruct by name. All split votes in future to be identified by name.]

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rogers