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ASHFIELD FINANANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: 5/6/2017

Meeting called to order: 9:35 am

Meeting adjourned: 9:54 am

Members present: Mary Fitz-Gibbon, Melinda Gougeon, Carol Lebold,
Ted Murray, Carl Satterfield

Also present: Beth Bezio, Ashfield Police Chief

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes if the April 24, 2017 meeting. Chairman Murray suggested that the wording "nonfinancial" in Article 17 be cancelled. The motion passed 5 0 0.

Business

1. Chairman Murray began a review of Town Meeting articles. He noted that the Energy Manager part of Article 17 had been lined out and that appropriate changes in the resulting dollars amounts had been made.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the newly revised Town Meeting Warrant. The motion passed 5 0 0.

M. Gougeon suggested that instead of having the Finance Committee "recommend" or "not recommend" each article individually during the meeting that a general announcement be made regarding Committee recommendations. It was agreed that an announcement would be made at the beginning of Town Meeting identifying those articles that the Finance Committee recommends. Articles not recommended would be addressed individually later in the meeting.

2. Police Chief Bezio described the need to transfer \$2898.22 from Police Chief Wage account to Police Expense/Reserve Officer Wages account. She indicated that this would permit the scheduling of at least 23 shifts or approximately 190 hours of police coverage for the months of May and June.

A motion was made and seconded to recommend the transfer of \$2898.22 from Police Chief age account to Police Expense/Reserve Officer Wages account. The motion passed 5 0 0

In response to a question regarding the new police cruiser she informed the Committee that the new cruiser would be in use not later than June and that she planned to retain and use the old cruiser. Several questions were raised and concerns expressed regarding a three vehicle police fleet.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5, 0, 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Satterfield

Documents:

- 1 Agenda for May 6, 2017
- 2 ATM Warrant for May 6, 2017
- 3 Police Dept. Memo dated May 1, 2017
- 4 Police Dept. Request for Transfer of Funds dated May 1, 2017