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Ashfield Finance Committee
February 6, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Ted Murray (Chair), Ricki Carrol, Janet Rogers, and Tom Schreiber (Secretary).

There is a vacancy on the committee because Tom Carter has resigned because he has been elected to the Ashfield Select Board.

Buz Eisenburg, Town Moderator, is in charge of filling the vacancy by appointment. He is asking for suggestions. Discussion follows. Ted will contact him with the committee's recommendations.

Minutes of December 12, 2012 meeting. Motion made to approve with corrections by JR, RC 2nd, unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

FinCom then joined the Select Board meeting already in progress.

Emily Robertson, School Committee, notified that a public hearing is scheduled for 2/20/13 at 7 pm. Ashfield's assessment is increasing by \$93,000. She recommends that both boards attend, as well as anyone interested in joining the discussion.

Electronic Records Compliance w/ State Laws and Regulations. Ashfield is not currently in compliance. Paul Swem suggests one server in the town hall. Estimated minimum cost is \$15,000. There is already \$5,000 in the FY13 budget for computer upgrades.

Ashfield resident inquiring about funding for plowing of town sidewalks. Question of liability and who's actually responsible for clearing them, possibly the homeowners. Discussion follows.

FinCom's involvement dissolved at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Rogers