

Town of Ashfield

Select Board & Finance Committee joint Budget Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2015

Budget meeting was held at the Ashfield Town Hall on March 16, 2015. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M by the Chair Tom Carter. There were 5 Audio recorders and approximately 2 people in the audience.

Select Board: Tom Carter-Chair, Ron Coler Vice-Chair, Todd Olanyk,

Finance Committee: Janet Rogers, Ted Murray, Tom Schreiber

Executive Administrator: Mary Fitz-Gibbon

Asst. Municipal Clerk: Lynn Taylor

Agenda for 3/16/2015 (**document 1**)

Finance Committee is called to order by Ted Murray-Chair @ 8:25 PM

Appointments:

Tom Poissant Highway Dept.: Poissant is at the meeting to present his FY16 Budget (**document 2**). He gives an overview of each line item, taking and answering questions from the Boards. Carter has a few questions regarding STM and why the labor line has run short for FY15 Poissant gives Carter an explanation for the shortage. Poissant will get Fitz-Gibbon a solid number for the STM. Poissant then reviews with the Boards his wish list for the future pertaining to his equipment and its replacement schedule. There is a lot of back and forth discussion, Paullette Leukhardt questions why not buy a used backhoe. Poissant and Board members explain it usually is always cheaper to buy brand new equipment than used due to the Municipal discounts.

Ted Murray advises he will revise the Capital purchases worksheet and forward to all members of the board for the next meeting.

Tom Poissant Transfer Station: Poissant advises the rest of FY15 should be fine for the transfer station should be enough to finish out the year. He reviews his FY16 for the Boards. (**Document 3**) taking and answering questions from the

Boards. There is a lengthy discussion pertaining to the major updates and work that are going to be needed at the Transfer Station in the very near future.

Tom Poissant Tree Warden: Poissant reviews his FY16 Budget (**document4**) with the Boards taking and answering questions from the Boards. He expresses to the Boards the many dangerous trees that need to be taken care of around Town. Coler went for a ride recently with Poissant to look at the trees, Coler advises that there really are many many trees in need of attention.

Minutes:

Minutes of 3-11-2015: **MOTION:** Olanyk makes a motion to accept the minutes of 3-11-2015 adding normal footnote, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 6)**

Special Town Meeting Discussion:

April 6, 2014 2 will be the STM the Boards review the items for the STM. Carter asks the Finance Committee to review the expense report looking for places to pull monies from for the STM. Handout from the Fin. Com. For the SB to review not make a decision on. (**Document 7**) a request from Jacqueline Cooper to use money from the Mary Priscilla Howes fund.

Janet Rogers makes a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting, seconded by Tom Schreiber. Adjourned at 10:20 PM

Select Board Only:

- a. Minutes of 3-9-2015: **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 2-0-1 (TC) (document 5)**
- b. National Disaster Resilience Competition Support letter request: E-mail from Bob Deane at FRCOG (**document 8**). **MOTION:** Olanyk makes a motion to send a letter of support and authorize the Chair to sign, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0**
- c. Letter from Del Haskins pertaining to his mileage for the Fire Department. (**document 9**)
- d. Fitz-Gibbon has been in contact with the search Committee Coler would like a copy of the members to be forwarded to Don Robinson, Rick Chandler, and Susan Todd and asking for any input they may have.
- e. Treasurer/Collector absence: The Collector/Treasurer will be out for a time and Lynn Taylor will be appointed until she returns. Coler feels that they

should hire a Collector/Treasurer that is qualified to do the job. This should only be for a few weeks. **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to appoint Lynn Taylor as Deputy Collector/Treasurer in the absence of the Collector/Treasurer, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

- f. Liaison Reports: Coler advises he has been in contact with Dan Buttrick from Tighe and Bond the plans are 90% complete for the lake dam project. Coler will send copies of the plans to the other Board member, Scott Decker, Nolan's, Alden Gray. Coler would like this put on the agenda for March 23th for review and discussion starting the meeting for this issue at 6:00 PM and move on to the joint budget meeting with the Finance Committee.

MOTION: Olanyk makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Coler. **VOTE 3-0-0**

Adjourned at 10:50 PM

Note: These minutes were discussed, amended, and approved at the Select Board meeting dated _____ and filed in the folder of the actual date of the said minutes