

**Town of Ashfield**

**Select Board & Finance Committee joint Budget Meeting Minutes**

**March 30, 2015**

Budget meeting was held at the Ashfield Town Hall on March 30, 2015. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M by the Chair Tom Carter. There were 5 Audio recorders and approximately 5 people in the audience.

**Last Select Board Meeting was March 26, 2015**

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

**Finance Committee:** Ted Murray-Chair, Tom Schreiber (TS arrived at 7:40 PM)

**Executive Administrator:** Mary Fitz-Gibbon

**Asst. Municipal Clerk:** Lynn Taylor (absent)

Agenda for 3/30/2015 (**document 1**)

**Appointments:**

Chief, Diane Wilder APD FY16 budget request: Wilder distributes copy of 2014 AFD runs showing amount of calls attended and not attended by APD. (**document 2**) also FY 16 revised budget (**document 3**). Wilder reviews her revised budget with the Boards taking and answering questions from the Board members. They have about a 30 minute discussion regarding the budget. Cindy Carney of Main St. advises she had witnessed at least two calls that the AFD needed the APD to assist. Also advises she appreciates the APD being present at Nolans during closing time. Carter acknowledges the great Community policing done by the APD.

**Minutes:** passed over

**FY16 Budget and final discussions:**

Ted Murray article for the Ashfield new pertaining to debt exclusion questions that will be on the ATM ballot may 2, 2015. The boards continue discussions trying to balance the budget for FY16. Also they approved the ballot questions for May 2, 2015.

**Special Town Meeting April 6, 2015 @7:00PM discussion and talking points:**

Ted Murray from the Finance Committee makes his recommendations regarding available funds that could be used to draw from and the amounts that will need to

come out of free cash for the STM in April. The Boards review this information and the STM warrant, deciding where to take what money, and reviewing motions for the STM. **(document 4)**

### **Select Board Only:**

- a. Designate Ron Coler to convey SB comments to Tighe & Bond regarding lake dam and retaining wall projects: moved to 4/6/2015
- b. Liaison Reports: Olanyk advises that ACT will not interrupt Memorial Day festivities. And the issues with the lights has been worked out, there will be no fees assessed if it is for the Town.
- c. Mail: none

Motion is made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to sign MASS DOT contract dated 3/30/2015 for \$44,563.00. **VOTE:** 3-0-0 Carter signs the contract **(document 5)**

**Motion to adjourn, seconded**

**Adjourned at 10:08 PM**

### **Document List**

1. Agenda for 3/30/2015
2. copy of 2014 AFD runs showing amount of calls attended and not attended by APD
3. FY 16 revised budget for the APD
4. Motions for STM articles
5. MASS DOT Contract

**Approved as written 4/27/2015**

Note: These minutes were discussed, amended, and approved at the Select Board meeting dated 4/27/2015 and filed in the folder of the actual date of the said minutes