

AYER FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 8, 2014 -- 7 PM
Ayer Town Hall

Present: Scott Houde, Chairman; John Kilcommins, Vice-Chairman, Pauline Conley, Clerk, Member Chris Meusel. Member Marianne Zawacki was absent.

Documents reviewed: Final STM warrant
Habitat for Humanity Budget
MGL Ch. 150E, s. 7

Call to Order: 7 PM

New Business:

a. Town Meeting Warrant

- The following votes were taken on the warrant articles:
 - **A1:** Habitat Housing Project: Habitat budget was reviewed. JK moved to support/PC second. **VOTE:** unanimous
 - **A2:** No vote taken – not a financial article
 - **A3:** TADS Grant: Question posed whether the funding request was for one year or two. Answer to be obtained. PC moved to support/JK second. **VOTE:** unanimous
 - **A4:** Transfer funds from Dept 200 – Finance to Dept 100 – Board of Selectmen: JK moved to support/CM second. **VOTE:** 3-1 (PC opposing)

b. DREZ discussion

Resident Frank Maxant submitted a memo proposing a Home Rule Petition be filed to return jurisdiction to the towns of Ayer, Harvard & Shirley. In general the members agree the HRP is worth considering but the timing of a review would probably have to wait until after ATM in May 2015. Details from the 2013 Vicksburg Square analysis can be used as a starting point. Updated information will be needed from impacted departments (Police, Fire, DPW, Park, RSD, etc.)

c. 9-30-2014 RLC meeting update

Scott reported there was further discussion on the assessment formula, this time considering a change based on ability to pay vs student population. He suggested that any changes be made after the initial buy-in time has expired and then be phased in for minimal impact.

The next RLC meeting is in January 2015

Old Business:

a. FY 16 Budget Calendar

Will be ready for the next meeting

b. ATFC Annual Meeting

No one can attend

Mail: None

Minutes: Postponed to next meeting

Upcoming Business: No discussion

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Committee Updates:

- a. **RSBC:** next meeting 10-16-14

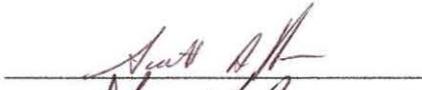
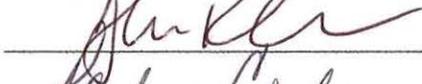
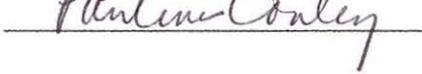
- b. **Capital Planning:** a memo has been sent to dept heads. John will distribute copies at next meeting
- c. **Bi-Board:** met on 9-30-14, reviewed the STM warrant; discussed capital planning; compensation plan and school assessment. Recommended dept budgets be level-funded w/needed expenses identified separately. Next meeting 12-2-14
- d. **Regional Leadership Cmte:** given earlier in meeting
- e. **Personnel Board:** no response yet from HRS to questions posed to them. Pers Bd is down to 3 members w/resignations from Schultz and Coulter.

FinCom R/T: Pauline distributed a copy of MGL Ch. 150E, s. 7 which requires all CBAs be brought to the next town meeting for appropriation to fund all costs contained in them. This has not been done for the several contracts recently reported by the Town Administrator as settled. Suggested this requirement might be added to the Financial Policies to ensure compliance.

Open Discussion: None

Next Meeting: 10-22-14, 7 pm

JK motioned to adjourn at 8:16 pm/CM second. **VOTE:** unanimous

Scott Houde, Chairman		Date: 10/22/14
John Kilcommins, Vice Chairman		Date: 10/22/14
Pauline Conley, Clerk		Date: 10-22-14
Chris Meusel, Member	_____	Date: _____
Marianne Zawacki, Member	N/A	Date: _____