

Town of Ayer

Finance Committee

Ayer Massachusetts, 01432



Location: Ayer Town Hall, Meeting Room.
Finance Committee Minutes

Wednesday October 27, 2010

Present: Brian Muldoon; Chairman, Jesse Reich; Vice-Chairman, Scott Houde, clerk and member Andrew Crowley.

Called to order at 7:01 pm by Brian Muldoon

- Mail
 - No mail
- Minutes
 - Outstanding minutes 3/24/10, 4/28/10, 5/12/10, 5/26/10, 6/9/10, 8/25/10, 9/8/10, 9/22/10, 9/29/10, 10/6/10 and 10/21/10.
- New Business:
 - Fire Department: Chief Pedrazzi update to finances.
 - Has a person on extended leave (111F), using call personnel to fill in.
 - BOS pushed this person into 111F, and then the town insurance should kick in.
 - There is a second person on military leave.
 - The worst case scenario is an RFT for \$23,632.50.
 - Call budget is half spend though a quarter of the year.
 - The chief is going to give us quarterly updates.
 - Many brush fires in the summer in Ayer and Groton...
 - Get Mary and Pauline access to drop-box.
 - Scott Houde: Virtual Town Hall
 - Update from Executive Tri-board: Brian.
 - Get George to come to FinCom meeting to explain feasibility study.
 - Annual Assn. of town Finance Committees meeting 10/23/10. Update Brian and Andrew.
 - Brian and Andrew went over the conferences they attended.
 - Jesse Reich:
 - Can we get a clarification of the “Home Rule”?
 - What are the savings?
 - Lisa put Jesse in touch with J. Beauregard.
 - We need to look at our town liabilities; \$185k is needed for storm water. We need to scrub the list and put storm water on the “summery list” of the budget.
 - Pauline Conley: Get a tape recorder. Shirley has a system that transcribes meetings for them.
 - Motion by Andrew Crowley to appoint Scott Houde as the FinCom clerk, 2nd by Jesse Reich. All in favor, unanimous.

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- We'll work all outstanding minutes together.
- Annual Town Meeting feedback: Brian Muldoon: The FinCom needs to put together as "rebuttal" for all the warrant articles.
- Rates and Fee's need to be looked at soon.
- Pauline Conley: More public hearing on the budget.
- Regional School Committee meetings: Brian, we should try to attend these.
 - Can we get minutes for the meetings?
- Net Meeting:
 - The November 17th meeting doesn't work for all FinCom members. Brian to send email to re-plan for November 10th.
- Motion to adjourn by Scott Houde, 2nd by Andrew Crowley. All in favor.

Brian Muldoon, Chairman _____ Date _____

Jesse Reich, Vice Chairman _____ Date _____

Scott Houde, Clerk _____ Date _____

Andrew Crowley, Member _____ Date _____