

Town of Ayer

Finance Committee

Ayer Massachusetts, 01432



Location: Ayer Town Hall, Meeting Room
 Finance Committee Minutes

Wednesday May 2, 2012

Present: Scott Houde; Chairman, Brian Muldoon; Vice Chairman, John Kilcommins; Clerk, Michael Pattenden; Member, Marianne Zawacki Member

In Attendance: Mary Spinner, Pauline Conley, Mary Arata, Chief Pedrazzi, Pat Kelly, Chris Hillman, Dan Gleason

Called to order at 7:01 pm by Scott Houde

- FinCom Public Hearing on the Budget
 - SH Led a discussion of the budget to be presented at Town Meeting. Highlights appear below.
 - SH-Noted the FinCom versus BOS budget columns. Will be settled out in the Stabilization fund line.
 - SH-The wage line includes a column representing our 2% proposal
 - SH-The FinCom budget disconnects with the BOS at the stipend line item.
 - SH-The Reserve fund transfer allocation is down by \$50K. This brings it to the historical level of \$130K.
 - SH-The Conservation Commission includes an increase of \$5.5K to increase the agent's hours by 5 per week.
 - PC-The Police steps look low, they may require an increase in October.
 - SH-The Emergency Management increased by \$3K. We felt it was underfunded as it was.
 - SH-The Vocational line covers Nashoba Tech and Minuteman. It reflects the increasing number of students.
 - BM-The 2% (raise) is in there as a placeholder for all raises.
 - MS-The goal should be to have all contracts negotiated before Town Meeting.
 - MP-Is it fair to say that we have no spare money?
 - SH. Yes. We follow our policies to ensure that we have a viable Stabilization fund, that we fund OPEB etc.

- Other Business
 - JK-Motion that we approve Brian Muldoon's expense reimbursement for the October MMA meeting as presented.

Motion	JK
Second	MP
B. Muldoon	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
J. Kilcommins	Aye
M. Pattenden	Aye
M. Zawacki	Aye
Vote	5-0

- Motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm

Motion	JK
Second	BM
B. Muldoon	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
J. Kilcommins	Aye
M. Pattenden	Aye
M. Zawacki	Aye
Vote	5 - 0

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Brian Muldoon, Chairman _____ Date _____

Scott Houde, Vice Chairman _____ Date _____

John Kilcommins, Clerk _____ Date _____

Michael Pattenden, Member _____ Date _____

Marianne Zawacki, Member _____ Date _____