

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 21, 2013**

Chairman Stewart opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM as posted and as required to put forth the Petitioned Warrant article "Are you in favor of increasing the Board of Selectmen from 3 members to 5 members?" for public comment.

Those present expressed that they thought a 5 member board would be beneficial to the town; questions were asked and answered regarding the differences of board membership.

There being no further comments, a motion to close the public hearing at 6:58 PM – Stewart; second – Golden; vote 2-0.

Ashland Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2013

Call to Order

Chairman Stewart called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 7PM.

Roll Call

Members present – Daniel Golden, Jeanette I. Stewart
Absent [with notice] – Philip Preston

Others Present

TA Branscombe, Clerk Tucker, members of the public

Pledge of Allegiance

Approvals

- Minutes of January 7 – Motion to accept with correction to Page 2 Line 23 add after resident “and asked if he could share the email from” – Stewart; second – Golden; vote 2-0
- Minutes of January 16 – Motion to accept with correction to Page 1, line 21 adding “TA asked the Board to vote on their opinion as to the number of lifeguards they would like to have at the beach” – Golden; second – Stewart; vote 2-0
- Signed Manifests – Payroll \$10,580.38; Accounts Payable \$133,783.90; Welfare \$2474.80
- Signed Intent to Cut for Steven and Lorna Leigh Sharps

Old Business

- Pat Tucker told Board that the Warrant would be ready for signature on Thursday; posting deadline is January 28
- It was noted that the First Session [Deliberative Session] is posted for February 2, 2013 at 1 PM at the Ashland School Gymnasium – any postponement due to bad weather would be made by Moderator Hoerter and would have to be held within 72 hours.

New Business

- Planning Board Alternate – Motion to appoint Cheryl Cox as an alternate on the Planning Board – Stewart; second – Golden; vote 2-0
- Abatements
Motion to accept assessor’s recommendation to grant abatement to David and Carole Fucarile - Stewart; second – Golden; vote 2-0

Motion to accept assessor's recommendation to grant abatement for J. Dallas and Jennifer Wrath – Stewart; second – Golden; vote 2-0

Motion to accept assessor's recommendation to grant abatement for Russell Cross Jr. – Stewart; second – Golden; vote 2-0

Town Administrator's Report

- Heal Forum scheduled for January 28 at Tri County Cap Building
- Attended July 4th planning meeting
- Budget Committee set final proposed budget for February 2 meeting
- Meeting with parents regarding park and recreation programs
- New phone system has been installed in town office and police department
- Informed the Time Warner Consortium attorney that Ashland is ready to finalize their contract

Department Head Report

Fire Chief Heath presented his monthly report.

Select Board Items – none

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:26 PM – Stewart; second – Golden; - vote 2-0

Taken by Patricia Tucker