

Ashland Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2013

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Members present – Daniel Golden, Philip Preston, Jeanette I. Stewart

Others Present

TA Branscombe, Clerk Tucker, members of the public

Pledge of Allegiance

Reorganization of Board

Motion to elect Jeanette I. Stewart as Chairman – Preston; second – Golden; vote 3-0

Motion to elect Daniel Golden as Vice Chairman – Stewart; second – Preston; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Philip Preston as ex officio member of the Planning Board – Stewart; second – Golden; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Jeanette I. Stewart as ex officio member of the Budget Committee – Preston; second – Golden; vote 3-0

Motion by Stewart; seconded by Golden for the following Board assignments [Joint Loss Management Phil Preston and Jeanette I Stewart]; [Personnel Police Phil Preston and Jeanette I Stewart]; [CIP – Jeanette I Stewart]; Union Negotiations – Jeanette I. Stewart and Daniel Golden] – vote 3-0 in favor

Disposition of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of February 27, 2013 as written – Preston; second – Stewart; vote 3-0 in favor

Motion to approve minutes of March 4, 2013 as written – Preston; second – Stewart; vote 3-0 in favor

Motion to approve minutes of March 13, 2013 as written – Golden; second – Stewart; vote 3-0 in favor

Signature File

1. Payroll Manifest \$11,862.25
- Accounts Payable \$123,394.20
- Welfare \$1090.00
2. Signed memo to Ashland Electric Commissioners
3. Signed MS 2
4. Signed tax exemption of the blind
5. Signed Lakes Region Planning Commission invoice
6. Signed Purchase Order for the PWD Loader

Old Business

Mechanic Street Municipal Parking Lot – the issue of cleaning of this parking lot after storms was brought to the attention of the Board following a complaint to the ADA. Upon review of the **Parking Ordinance** this parking lot is supposed to be closed to parking from 1AM to 5 AM November 1 thru May 1. Signs are being ordered to comply with the ordinance. The issue of the handicapped parking space will be investigated further.

New Business

Abatements - ***motion by Preston to accept the assessors recommendation to deny the following abatement requests – Cox, Hill, Freudenberg NOK (2), Buskey, Alba, Dizoglio and Allain; second – Stewart; vote 2-0-1 (DG)in favor***

Motion by Preston to accept recommendations to grant the following abatement requests – Desroches, Ewens, KRG Realogy, Smith, Young, Cohen, Wisniewski, Engborg, Pezzuto, Lebrun, Hardy, Bellemare, Berti (2), Groves, Sharrow; second – Stewart; vote 2-0-1 (DG) in favor

Other Business – Town Clerk Tucker made public thank you to all those who worked the polis on March 12; also dog owners were reminded that licenses are due by April 30

Town Administrator's Report

- Entrance to West Street being addressed by NHDOT with better signage
- July 4 Committee working on parade and activities
- Voting turnout was 23%
- Following previous meeting the NHDOT has decided to change the detour when the southbound exit ramp is closed for paving and bridge work – the change will be to send traffic north to Exit 25 in order to get to the southbound lane
- Mark Scarano was appointed to the CIP committee
- HEAL is working with restaurants for healthy menus; bike and walking trails are next on the agenda
- REDI – Regional economic Development Initiative will be holding a meeting May 23rd

Department Head Reports

Fire Department – Chief Heath

Select Board Items

- Selectman Preston expressed concerns about the fire department roof and would like to meet with Engineer Liz Bailey; TA Branscombe said that he would arrange a meeting.
- ***Motion to appoint Richard Ogden as a Scribner Trustee – Stewart; second – Preston; vote 3-0 in favor***

Motion to enter non public at 7:57 PM per RSA 91 A:3 II c – Stewart; second – Preston; vote all in favor.

Other members present TA Branscombe and Fire Chief Heath

Motion to exit non public at 8:45 PM – Stewart; second – Golden; vote 3-0

Chairman Stewart announced that no decisions were made as a result of this non public session.

There being no further business, Chairman Stewart declared the meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Non public minutes taken by Jeanette I. Stewart

Regular Meeting minutes taken by

Patricia Tucker