

Ashland Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2013

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Others Present

TA Branscombe, Clerk Tucker, members of the public

Pledge of Allegiance

Disposition of Minutes

Motion to approve March 18, 2013 was made and seconded – then withdrawn to note word correction; motion to approve with correction [page 2 line 30 change “to” to “the” – Preston; second – Stewart; vote 2-0

Motion to approve March 27, 2013 – Preston; second – Stewart; vote 2-0

Approvals

- Reviewed and signed manifests – Payroll \$11,638.19; Accounts Payable - \$95,607.64; Welfare - \$1442.75
- Signature File
 - Signed invoice for Attorney Liz Bailey
 - Signed Union Personnel Action forms
 - Signed Fire Warden Appointments
 - Signed Communication Center Lease [Monitoring of fire station]

Old Business - None

New Business - Abatements

Motion to granted abatements and accept recommended revised assessments for the following property owners – Vogel, Eichman, Bishop, Day, Garth Adams Trust, Murray, Anderson, Van Ryen, Cardoso, Hall, Rapp, Wattaul, Sandra Moulton, Holt, Lutter Trust, Wm. Mills, LeBlanc, Brianna Adams Trust, Murdough, Gallo, Gomez and Cardoso, Daley, Liffiton Trust, Detone, Donnelly, Peterson, Miranda, Bernard, Klipp (2) – Stewart; second – Philip, vote 2-0

Motion to accept recommendation to deny the following abatements – Mazzone, Timothy Smith – Stewart; second – Preston; vote 2-0

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New Business – Committee Assignments

Motion to appoint Anthony Randall as Alternate Member of the Planning Board – Stewart; second – Preston; vote 2-0

Motion to appoint Michelle Fistek as a member of the Zoning Board – Stewart; second – Preston; vote 2-0

Motion to appoint Ellison Badger as a member of the Zoning Board – Stewart; second – Preston; vote 2-0

Motion to appoint Patricia Tucker as Alternate Member of the Zoning Board – Stewart; second – Preston; vote 2-0

Motion to appoint Alfred Salvoni as Scribner Trustee – Stewart; second – Preston; vote 2-0

Motion to appoint Renee Liebert and Daniel Stack as members of the Conservation Commission – Stewart; second – Preston; vote 2-0

Motion to appoint Ellison Badger to the Housing Standards Board – Stewart; second – Preston ; vote 2-0

Motion to appoint Ernest Hutter as a Memorial Park Trustee – Stewart; second – Preston; vote 2-0

Motion to appoint George Chase, Craig Moore, and Timothy Paquette as members of the Joint Loss Management Committee – Stewart; second – Preston; vote 2-0

New Business – Other

Chairman Stewart announced that at the March 27 meeting the Board had decided to have one regular meeting on the first Monday of the Month starting in April and the work session would be the second Wednesday of the month.

Town Administrator Report

- Monthly department head reports have been eliminated
- HEAL established a Bike-Pedestrian Committee
- HEAL met with school officials to discuss joint efforts for use of facilities for activity and perhaps the potential of starting a community garden
- Met with July 4th committee regarding fundraising activities
- Attended Electric Commissioners [with Stewart and Preston] – discussed health insurance contributions by non union member [Pack and Nichols]; discussed signing of the manifests in public
- CIP Committee is meeting monthly

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- Transport Central is functioning and looking for drivers
- HEAL is promoting “Line Dancing” at the Booster Club
- Concerts will be held at Memorial Park on Sundays from July – August
- New “Enter Here” sign erected at entrance to West Street
- Comfort Keepers met with TA to promote her organization
- Planning Board meeting at 6 PM on April 3
- Attended [with Chairman Stewart] Regional Economic Development Initiative to continue planning for May 23 forum
- Rabies Clinic – April 6 –Fire Station 9-12
- Child Safety Day – April 27 – Ashland School
- Fire Permits are required for all outside burning
- Drug Take Back Program – April 27 – Police Department from 10-2
- Summer Camp flyers have been distributed – cost for Ashland residents [first child] \$115 includes field trips
- Electric Department – regular meeting 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7 PM; signing of manifests 1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesday of the month at 8:15 AM
- Water and Sewer Department – regular meeting 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7 PM; signing of manifests 2nd, 4th, 5th Wednesday at 9 AM
- Reminder dog license renewals due by April 30

Select Board Items – none

Motion to adjourn at 7:57 PM – Stewart; second – Preston; vote 2-0

Taken by Patricia Tucker