

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2013  
ASHLAND FIRE STATION  
8:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM with a roll call vote. Jeanette Stewart, Phil Preston, Normand DeWolfe all present. Also present: Paul Branscombe and Pat Crowell and members of the public.

Chairman Stewart announced that the Fire Station roof had been completed and that the Selectmen had done a “walk through” last Friday. There were a few things that needed to be corrected and it was agreed that some money will be deducted from the third payment.

Chairman Stewart also asked that Bob & Claire Hicks be invited to the meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVALS**

Branscombe read the totals for Payroll, Accounts Payable, and the Welfare file as the Selectmen signed the manifests. The Selectmen also signed items in the Signature File. DeWolfe asked Tim Paquette what roads were crack sealed in town. Paquette said that Sanborn Road and Washington Street were among a few others that had been done. Paquestte said that the money for this is in his budget every year.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Barry Gaw was there to get the approval from the Selectmen to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Triathlon this year on September 1<sup>st</sup> which is Labor Day weekend. He is seeking a Special Events permit from the State also. No roads are being shut down except part of Leavitt Hill Road and Mr. Gaw will coordinate with Tim Paquette and the Police Dept. The Board gave their blessings.

Tim Paquette talked about the West Street project. Many complaints have been received regarding the condition of the road. With GMI the paving would cost \$98,915 just for West Street. Mr. Paquette asked the Board to waive the bid project so that the work could start sooner. After much discussion, the Chairman motioned

that the bid policy be waived in this instance and that GMI could do the project. Preston seconded, DeWolfe opposed . Motion carries 2-0.

Paquette also had question regarding the catch basin which needs to be done. He had brought this up at the last meeting and the Board wanted to think about it. Paquette said that his crew is behind about two weeks because of the rain and that he had approached Don Latulippe to do the catch basin with a quote of \$3300. Preston commented that most other public works departments do their own catch basin projects. Paquette said that it will cost the town about \$1000 for materials to do the project. DeWolfe motioned that the Public Works Dept will do the catch basin and culvert. Preston seconded. Chairman Stewart opposed. Motion carries 2-0.

Paquette said that the sidewalk on Highland Street from Meredith Village Savings Bank to Spring Street needs to be reconstructed. His quote from GMI is \$18,906. Paquette explained that the sidewalks are too narrow and that the new plow is 5 feet wide. The extra two feet will come from the road side of the walks and will not disturb owner's property. The Public Works Dept. will tear up the old sidewalks. Chairman Stewart motioned to waive the bid policy and hire GMI to do the project. Preston seconded. All in favor 3-0.

The Chairman asked Mr. Paquette about the driveway on Sanborn Road belonging to Mr. Hammare. Mr. Paquette said that he does have it on his list and the repair to the driveway will be done shortly.

Chairman Stewart also reiterated that the Town of Ashland doesn't have anything to do with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and did not require that anyone wishing to be in the parade have insurance.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chairman Stewart motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 9:03 AM. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor. 3-0

**NON-PUBLIC pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) followed regular meeting.**

**Next meeting scheduled for July 24, 2013 @ 8:30 am in the Town Office**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Pat Crowell  
7-18-13**