

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 5, 2013
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
7 PM**

MINUTES

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 7PM with a roll call. Phil Preston, Normand DeWolfe, Jeanette I. Stewart all present.

Others Present: TA Paul Branscombe, Pat Crowell, and members of the Public.

APPROVALS

Minutes of July 1: Preston moved to approve, DeWolfe seconded. The Chairman stated that the minutes should reflect under Old Business that the certificate should be for Bob Hicks and one for Claire Hicks. All in favor.

Minutes of July 10: Preston moved to approve. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of July 17: Preston moved to approve. Chairman Stewart said that she would like the minutes to reflect that the Town doesn't have anything to do with the *planning* of the 4th of July Parade. Stewart seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of July 24: Chairman Stewart moved to table these minutes because the clerk had some questions about them. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of July 31: DeWolfe moved to approve. Stewart seconded. All in favor.

Signing of the Manifests: TA Branscombe read the total for Accounts Payable, Welfare, and the Payroll as the Selectmen signed the manifests. The totals are: \$131,945.34 for Accounts Payable, \$3011.36 for Welfare, and \$13612.55 for Payroll. DeWolfe stated that he was in earlier and reviewed the folders.

Signature File – Nothing in the signature file.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Library Alternate – Chairman Stewart moved to appoint Mardean Badger as LibraryAlternate. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – TA Branscombe reported on various subjects. His report is part of these minutes.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

Wellness Fest – The Chairman thanked the members on the HEAL committee and Plymouth State University. DeWolfe said that the event was highly successful.

4th of July Committee – On behalf of the Board, the Chairman thanked the 4th of July Committee for all that they do to make July 4th a success.

Bob & Claire Hicks Certificate – Bob & Claire Hicks could not make the meeting tonite. The Board wanted to thank both of them for all their work through the many years that they have worked on the various committees.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle Lynch of Howe Road said that she is here to discuss putting a sign on Route 3 to warn traffic to slow down because there are children that cross to go to the beach. The Chairman asked Police Chief Randall to step into the room. Chief Randall said that it is a state road and the Selectmen would have to get permission from the state to put any type of sign in the road. Preston mentioned the flashing speed limit signs, but they are expensive. The parked cars along the roadway are also hazardous and DOT should be asked to put up no parking signs.

June Bavis, who lives on Thompson Street, would like the speed limit lowered on Thompson Street. Many people use it to get to the Beach and the Marina. The Board will discuss this at the next worksession and TA Branscombe will follow-up with Mrs. Bavis.

Bobbi Hoerter asked about the bid process regarding West Street and did we call GMI and the Selectmen said no. The Chairman explained that the Board has the right to waive the bid process. Preston said that on a previous project that GMI was the only one who bid on the project.

NON-PUBLIC under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) – Chairman Stewart called for a Roll Call vote to enter into Non-Public Session at 7:31 PM. Phil Preston, Normand DeWolfe, Jeanette I. Stewart all present. TA Branscombe and Police Chief Tony Randall also present. The Chief and the Board discussed a new hire for the Police Dept. The proposed new hire is Ryan Patrick Beausoleil as a full-time police officer. Chairman Stewart motioned to exit non-public session at 7:56 PM. Preston seconded. All in favor.

Public session reconvened at 7:57 PM. Chairman Stewart motioned to hire Ryan Patrick Beausoleil as a full time police officer. Preston seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Stewart motioned to adjourn at 8:00 PM. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

NEXT MEETING: August 14, 2013 at the Town Office at 8:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Crowell
8-9-13