

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
7 PM**

MINUTES

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

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

APPROVALS

Minutes of October 3: Preston moved to approve as written. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of October 7: Preston moved to approve. Stewart seconded. DeWolfe did not have a copy of the minutes. 2-0-1 in favor.

Minutes of October 10: Preston moved to approve as written. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of October 16: Preston moved to approve as written. Stewart seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of October 23: DeWolfe moved to approve as written. 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: \$41,495.14 for Accounts Payable, \$1210.89 for Welfare, and \$10,44.51 for Payroll. DeWolfe stated that he was in earlier and reviewed the folders.

Stewart moved to appoint Judy Kinney to the HEAL Community Garden Committee. Preston seconded. All in favor.

Stewart moved to appoint Eliza King to the HEAL Community Garden Committee. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Ashland 150th Anniversary Celebration – Katie Maher stated that a committee has been formed for the 150th Celebration . The committee members are Kendal B Hughes, Susan Macleod, Bob Baker, Jane Sawyer, and herself. Chairman Stewart motioned to appoint the above five people to that committee. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

July 4th Committee – Mr. Branscombe explained that the July 4th Committee is under the Ashland Area Recreation Association (AARA). There are many questions that need to be answered regarding rules, insurance, rain date, to name a few. Stewart suggested that the Selectmen table this and talk about it at their worksession. Katie Maher mentioned that the

parade will be on the 4th and the fireworks on the 5th and they will go ahead and book Atlas Fireworks for that date.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Stewart motioned to hire Suzanne McCormack for Part Time Welfare Director. Preston second. All in favor.

TA REPORT - The Town Administrator's Report is part of these minutes.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

Phil Preston moved that the Board of Selectmen file a motion for rehearing of the application submitted by Soldier On. He explained that an abutter wasn't notified. He said that invalidates any decision that the ZBA made in this case, and to cure that, the case must be reheard with proper notice to all. He said that the Board of Selectmen takes no position on the merits of the issued that were before the ZBA, but it is concerned that the defect be corrected and the case be reheard in order to keep the Town out of unnecessary litigation. The Chairman recused herself because it is a family matter. After some discussion, DeWolfe seconded. In favor 2-0-1.

Branscombe said that after having discussions with Steve Heath and Lee Nichols, he feels that the budget be increased for Emergency Management by \$1000 for the maintenance of the generator. DeWolfe motioned to increase the Emergency Management budget to include \$1000 for maintenance of the generator. Stewart seconded. All in favor.

Also, Branscombe explained that the dues for mutual fire aid is \$19,502 which is a revised amount. Chairman Stewart moved to revise the amount in that line to \$19,502. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Chairman Stewart explained to everyone that the Joint Loss Management Committee had just inspected the buildings, contents, and vehicles at the Public Works Dept. She just wanted to let everyone know that all was as it should be.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Zock asked about the appeal process for Soldier On. Eli Badger, chairman of the ZBA, was in the audience and Stewart asked if he would explain. Eli Badger explained that the ZBA will accept and discuss the motion to re-hear the application. If valid the process will start again. If invalid, it would need to go to Superior Court. Much discussion followed.

Barbara Keller asked how abutters are notified. The reply was that they are sent notices by Certified Mail.

Motion to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A-3, II(b) made by Chairman Stewart with a Roll Call Vote at 7:45 PM. Jeanette Stewart, Normand DeWolfe, Philip Preston all present. The Chairman asked for input from Branscombe and Crowell about an interview we had with Diane

Richards regarding her application for employment for Finance Director. Chairman Stewart motioned to leave Non-Public Session at 8:07 PM. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor. No decision was made.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Crowell
11-7-13

Motion to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A-3, II(c) made by Chairman Stewart with a Roll Call Vote at 8:08 PM. Jeanette Stewart, Normand DeWolfe, Philip Preston all present. Paul Branscombe and Police Chief Tony Randall also present. The Board discussed the Chief's contract and will need to have another meeting regarding same. Chairman Stewart motioned to leave Non-Public Session at 8:40 PM. Preston seconded. All in favor. No decision was made.

Motion to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A-3, II(c) made by Chairman Stewart with a Roll Call Vote at 8:41 PM. Jeanette Stewart, Normand DeWolfe, Philip Preston all present. Paul Branscombe and Fire Chief Steve Heath also present. The Board discussed the Chief's contract for 32 hour position for one and a half years.. Chairman Stewart motioned to leave Non-Public Session at 9:12 PM. Preston seconded. All in favor. No decision was made

There being no further business, Chairman Stewart motioned to adjourn at 9:13 PM. Phil Preston seconded. All in favor.

Non-Public minutes taken by Chairman Jeanette I. Stewart