

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013  
ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE  
8:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

**Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order with a roll call at 8:30 AM. Phil Preston, Normand DeWolfe, Jeanette I Stewart all present.**

**Others present:** TA Paul Branscombe, Pat Crowell, Eli & Mardean Badger

**Signing the Manifests:** TA Branscombe read the total for Accounts Payable, Welfare, and the Payroll as the Selectmen signed the manifests. DeWolfe stated that he was in earlier and reviewed and signed the manifests.

**Old Business**

**Warrant Articles** – The Selectmen had tabled three warrant articles previously. After some discussion Chairman Stewart motioned to delete Article #1 regarding a purchase that the Fire Dept needed. Preston seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Article #8 – Regarding a truck with a plow for the Public Works Dept. Stewart motioned to recommend this warrant article. Preston seconded. Discussion followed. This truck would be for plowing smaller places that the big trucks can't do. DeWolfe had questions. DeWolfe voted no. Preston would like to table again. Could they revisit this again?

Article #4 - \$25,000 for replacing the 2011 cruiser. The working of the article needs to go to legal. Also, would a purchase or lease be a better option? Preston motioned to recommend this article. Stewart seconded. All in favor 3-0.

**Vendor Contracts** – Katie Maher was here to explain that no one seems to have agreements. Atlas has a great contract. Stewart asked TA Branscombe to contact Plymouth to see what agreements and contracts they might have. Ms Maher will send completed contracts from last year. The same contract should be used for all vendors except Atlas.

Discussion followed regarding the Building Inspector and Northern Lakes Veterinary Clinic. Building Permits have been issued and probably should not have been. DeWolfe said that it should be mandatory that the Building Inspector look in all files. Next worksession the Selectmen would like to talk with the Building Inspector in a Non-Public session.

Tax Collector Patsy Tucker came in to talk about the tax rate. She hasn't heard from DRA yet. She mentioned that the Selectmen should post a meeting for Friday in anticipation of the rate being set by then.

There being no further business Chairman Stewart motioned to adjourn at 9:42 AM. Preston seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Crowell  
11-19-13