

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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: Pat Crowell and members of the Public.

As the Board signed the Manifests, Chairman Stewart read off the totals. They were: Payroll \$44,629.35 which includes the Fire dept. and all who are paid quarterly, Accounts Payable \$157,496.08 which includes both schools, and the Welfare file \$929.66 which includes payments to AIG Valic, Child Support, and a monthly invoice from Bob's Sure Fine.

Martha Richards, District 3 Grafton County Commissioner was here to speak about the county. She mentioned Ray Burton and how much he will be missed, and about the upcoming special election. She talked about the County Jail, the Nursing Home, and the Farm.

There was one item in the Signature File, an appointment for Sue MacLeod for the Zoning Board. The Chairman explained that Bob Boyle has resigned and that Ms MacLeod would like to fill that position.

**APPROVALS**

**Minutes of November 4:** DeWolfe moved to approve with corrections. Stewart seconded. All in favor.

**Minutes of November 8:** DeWolfe moved to approve as written. Stewart seconded. All in favor.

**Minutes of November 13:** Stewart moved to approve with corrections. Preston seconded. All in favor.

**Minutes of November 14:** Stewart moved to approve with corrections. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

**Minutes of October 31:** DeWolfe moved to approve with corrections. Stewart seconded. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Adoption of Hazard Mitigation Plan** – The Board signed the Certificate of Adoption.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee 2014 Budget**– Preston and DeWolfe signed the budget agreement. Stewart was opposed and did not sign.

**Warrant Article Approval** – Fire Chief Heath would like to include \$50,000 with the \$25,000 already in the Capital Improvement Plan. Stewart motioned to recommend the warrant article for \$50,000. DeWolfe seconded. After some questions by Preston, all in favor 3-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Fire Department Requirements** – The Chief has requested a consensus of the Board regarding buying some equipment for the ambulance. There are Spot Checks that are coming up and in order to pass the ambulance needs to have some materials totaling \$1200. The Board felt that it was warranted and to go ahead with the purchase of these materials.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT** - Branscombe was absent. The Board will hear his report at the Worksession.

### **SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

Selectmen thanked Susan MacLeod for the work that she did in the garden in the front of the Town Office. They also thanked The Garden Club and the Community Garden Club for all the work that has been done this past year.

The Chairman also reminded everyone that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Financial Forum will be 12/9/13 at 7 PM at the School Cafeteria.

DeWolfe mentioned that Sue Longley had sent letter regarding Christmas Night in Ashland.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bobbi Hoerter said that Christmas Night in Ashland started at 5PM to 6:45PM with the lighting of the tree at 8PM. There will be hay rides offered to the Cheney House.

Sandra Coleman asked if the schools have been paid and how much each was. Pat Crowell said that the schools had been paid and that the town is up to date. Ashland School district was \$99,000 and Pemi-Baker School District is \$37,500, both are paid this amount twice a month.

Motion to enter Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A-3, II(c) made by Chairman Stewart with a Roll Call Vote at 7:45 PM. Jeanette Stewart, Normand DeWolfe, Philip Preston all present. The Board discussed the responsibilities and procedures for the Building Inspector position. No decision was made. Motion to leave Non-Public session and return to public session by Chairman Stewart at 8:22 PM. DeWolfe seconded. Stewart Aye, DeWolfe Aye, Preston, Aye Non-Public minutes recorded by Chairman Stewart..

There being no further business, Stewart motioned to adjourn at 8:24 PM. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Crowell  
12-3-13