

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 15, 2014 8:30 AM**

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

Others Present: TA Branscombe, Pat Crowell, Brenda Paquette, Linda Guyotte, David Ruell

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2014 Draft Warrant Articles**

DeWolfe motioned to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of receiving \$3500 and making expenditures for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend for that purpose. Stewart seconded. All in favor. 2-0

That last warrant article can't be recommended until the Budget Committee signs off on it.

**2014 Draft Petitioned Warrant Articles**

DeWolfe motioned to recommend the article to raise and appropriate \$9342 for **Pemi-Baker Community Health**. Stewart seconded. All in favor 2-0

Stewart motioned to recommend the article to raise and appropriate \$1000 for **CADY**. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor 2-0

DeWolfe motioned to recommend the article to raise and appropriate \$3107 for **Tri-County Community Action**. Stewart seconded. All in favor 2-0

Stewart motioned to recommend the article to raise and appropriate \$2700 for **Genesis Behavioral Health**. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor 2-0

DeWolfe motioned to recommend the article to raise and appropriate \$5000 for **Bridge House**. Stewart seconded. All in favor 2-0

Stewart motioned to not recommend the article to raise and appropriate \$950,000 for the purchase, renovating, and furnishing of **41 School Street** for the Ashland Town Library. She believes that the Town can not afford to do that this year. No second. DeWolfe motioned to recommend this article. 1-1

DeWolfe motioned to recommend the article to raise and appropriate \$6600 for **Grafton County Senior Citizens Council**. Stewart seconded. All in favor 2-0

Stewart motioned to recommend the article to raise and appropriate \$2400 for **Voices Against Violence**. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor 2-0

Stewart motioned to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95c to restrict \$48802 each year of revenue from the Water Department user fees. DeWolfe questioned the use of the word restrict. The DRA reworded the article to use the word restrict. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor 2-0

DeWolfe motioned to recommend the article to raise and appropriate \$48802 for the water bond payment coming from the Water Bonds Offset Revenue Fund. Stewart seconded.  
All in favor 2-0

Stewart motioned to adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95c to restrict \$48802 each year of revenue from the Sewer Department user fees. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor 2-0

DeWolfe motioned to recommend the article to raise and appropriate \$48802 for the sewer bond payment coming from the Sewer Bonds Offset Revenue Fund. Stewart seconded.  
All in favor 2-0

(These last four articles pertaining to the Water & Sewer user fees will be discussed and some wording will be changed.)

DeWolfe motioned to recommend that the town vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund for purposes of funding matching grants for maintenance, repair, training, and equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15000 and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend. Stewart voted not to recommend. She feels that each department takes care of this. 1-1

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Library Bond**

The hearing for the purchase of 41 School Street for the Library is next week. Branscombe will give David Ruell the information he obtained regarding financing so that he will have it for the public hearing. Linda Guyotte said that the Bond Bank could charge a fee.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Budget** – Salaries need to be voted on. After some discussion regarding the Beach salaries and Vacation Camp, Stewart asked that the Budget Committee revisit those tonight. Stewart moved to accept all changes to the proposed salary budget. DeWolfe seconded.

**Revenue** – All revenues are the same, adjustments have already been made.

Public hearing has been set for February 12, 2014.

Brenda Paquette mentioned that the Police Department computer line needed to be \$3000 more. The Budget Committee is aware of this and has approved.

TA Branscombe said that the MS-7 will go to DRA soon. He also said that Konica Minolta will be in to talk about a new copier for the Fire Department. DeWolfe had some questions and after a brief discussion asked if other copiers could be researched. Branscombe will get back to him. Branscombe also mentioned that Soldier On is a dead issue.

DeWolfe asked that the Moderator get a copy of the Warrant Articles.

Linda Guyotte mentioned that the Leavitt Hill Project is about \$1850 over the amount that they originally sent the Town. She has contacted Sue Macleod and is holding the check until we receive more money from the developer.

There being no further business Stewart moved to go into Non-Public Session per RSA **91-A:3, II (c) with a roll call vote@ 9:20 AM. Stewart and DeWolfe present.**

**NON-PUBLIC under RSA 91-A:3, II (c)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Crowell  
1-16-14