

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 2014
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: Paul Branscombe, Pat Crowell and members of the Public.

The Selectmen signed what was in the Signature File.

APPROVALS

Minutes of January 6: DeWolfe moved to approve with corrections. Stewart seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of January 15: DeWolfe moved to approve with corrections. Stewart seconded. Preston abstained.

Minutes of January 20: DeWolfe moved to approve as written. Stewart seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of January 23: Preston moved to approve with corrections. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of January 27: Preston moved to approve as written. DeWolfe seconded. Stewart abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Stewart explained that at the Deliberative Session, \$3000 was put back in the budget. It needs to go into the General Government Buildings Matching Grants line. Preston moved to put \$3000 into the General Government Buildings Matching Grants line in the 2014 budget. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor. TA Branscombe mentioned that since there was a dollar in the line already, there will now be \$3001 in that line.

TA Branscombe explained that Time Warner Cable wants a 10 year contract. Other towns are not ready yet to sign a contract with Time Warner. Preston asked what the downside would be. Branscombe said that there will be continuous extensions. The consensus of the Board is to go with a 7 year contract , even though Time Warner is refusing this.

NEW BUSINESS

TA Branscombe explained that the Police Department received money from Walmart in the amount of \$1500. He said that since the amount was under \$3000, the Board did not have to have a public hearing to accept the funds. Preston motioned to accept grant monies as per RSA 31:95-6 III(b) from Walmart in the amount of \$1500 for the Police Department which will be used for

technology purposes and authorize the financial officer to increase the PD grant line by this amount for reporting and tracking purposes. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT - TA Branscombe discussed some of the highlights of the last month.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

TA Branscombe said that Leigh Sharps has asked the Board to comment on the Soldier On Project. Following a ZBA hearing, Soldier On has withdrawn its application. Preston and DeWolfe will send their comments to Ms Sharps tomorrow. Stewart had no comment.

DeWolfe asked if Performance Evaluations were done before any salary increases were given. TA Branscombe said that is the procedure.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathleen DeWolfe asked if the Town Administrator's monthly report could be posted on the website. The Board said that it would be no problem.

There being no further business, Stewart motioned to adjourn at 7:16PM. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Crowell
2-4-13