

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 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:

- Abatement Request
- Payment for Loader-Due April 10th
- CNP Invoice
- Invoice for Plymouth Prosecutor
- Northway Loan Payment for water system bond
- Raffle Application
- Parks & Recreation debit card use for Vacation Camp
- Contract for Avery Sweeping

APPROVALS

Minutes of February 1: Stewart moved to approve with corrections. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of February 3: DeWolfe moved to approve with corrections. Stewart seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of February 12 8:30 AM: DeWolfe moved to approve with corrections. Stewart seconded. Preston abstained.

Minutes of February 12 7 PM: DeWolfe moved to approve as written. Stewart seconded. Preston abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

Time Warner Cable – Chairman Stewart said that the Town has agreed to a seven year contract with Time Warner. The Selectmen will sign the contract when Blue Sky Drive is up and running. There will be a Public Hearing regarding the contract which the Town Administrator will set up. There will not be anyone from Time Warner at the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Dedication of Town Report – Bob Hicks was presented with a copy of the Town Report for 2013. He mentioned that Claire could not be here tonight. Chairman Stewart thanked Bob and Claire for all their hard work and many years of service for the town.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - TA Branscombe discussed some of the highlights of the last month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kendall L Hughes – Mentioned the conditions of the sidewalks and roads in the town. He said that the sidewalks on Main Street were terrible and need to be sanded. He said that there was a lot of snow on the sides of the road on Thompson Street. He also mentioned that the Town Office does not have a current Union contract where the Police had been added. The Chairman said that the Town Administrator will check and rectify the situation.

Bob Hicks – Mentioned that Time Warner Cable and Comcast might merge. He wanted to know if that change will make any difference in service.

Sandra Coleman – Asked about the Union contract and the increase in wages for personnel. She asked if the increase is 1.70% or 1.07%? Chairman Stewart said that the increase is 1.70%. Ms. Coleman also asked if all the money has been put into the Capital Reserve fund that was voted on in the 2013 election warrant articles. Chairman Stewart will double check with the finance officer tomorrow.

Normand DeWolfe – Mentioned that he has noticed that there are issues with the sidewalks in town. He said that the Town Administrator should ask the Public Works Director to put down more sand.

There being no further business, Stewart motioned to adjourn at 7:28PM. Preston seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Crowell
3-4-13