

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 29, 2014 TOWN OFFICE 7:00 pm
Minutes

The Chairman was going to call the meeting to order but was interrupted by Stewart. Stewart said that the meeting was illegal because it was not posted as a meeting first and then go into Non-public session. After much discussion the Board determined that the Board could not go into Non-public.

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM with a roll call. Fran Newton, Steve Felton, Jeanette Stewart, Norm DeWolfe present. Phil Preston abstained.

Also present: Paul Branscombe, Suzanne McCormack, Pat Crowell.

Felton explained that he had talked with the Welfare Director last Tuesday and felt that the Board should hear what she had to say. Stewart asked him if he had talked to the Town Administrator about it. She mentioned the “chain of command”, meaning that the Board should ask the Town Administrator to follow through. because he should be first and then the Board.

The Welfare Director explained what she had talked with Felton about. The subject was a case that came in to the town office when she was not here. After some discussion, she told the Board that she could make herself available any other night to come in and talk to anyone having an emergency situation. Phil Preston motioned that the Welfare Director will be compensated for extra time, at least one hour, for any emergency situation. Stewart seconded. All in favor 5-0

The Welfare Director left and the Chairman asked that Pat Crowell stay.

TA Branscombe asked the Board if they had signed the letter to an employee. Several members of the Board had questions regarding the delivery of the letter and if the TA should meet with the employee beforehand. After much discussion, Stewart said that what had happened did not occur when the employee was on “town time” and would be considered a resident issue. The Board agreed that the situation should be investigated by the Police Department.

There being no further business, Stewart motioned to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Newton seconded. All in favor 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Crowell
4-30-14