

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 with a roll call. Jeanette Stewart, Steve Felton, Fran Newton, Norm DeWolfe present. Preston came in just after roll call.

Others Present: Paul Branscombe, Pat Crowell and members of the Public.

APPROVALS

Minutes of May 5: Felton moved to approve as written. Stewart seconded. All in favor 5-0

Minutes of May 14: Felton moved to approve as written. Newton seconded. All in favor 5-0

Minutes of May 19: Newton moved to approve with corrections. Stewart seconded. All in favor 5-0

Minutes of May 21: Felton moved to approve as written. Newton seconded. All in favor 5-0

Minutes of May 28: Preston moved to approve as written. Stewart seconded. All in favor 5-0

Signature File: Dog Warrant signed by Selectmen.

Abatement for Map/Lot #003-001-005 for \$439.18 was signed. Felton moved to accept . Newton seconded. All in favor.

Appointment for Alicia Wendelboe for 150th Committee. Stewart moved to approve. Preston seconded. All in favor

OLD BUSINESS

a) Mission Statement: DeWolfe and Felton both reworked it. Preston doesn't think it is relevant to a municipality, doesn't disagree, but just not necessary. After some discussion, it was decided to use a combination of both versions. Newton moved to accept the Mission Statement as amended. Felton seconded. In Favor 4-1. Preston opposed. Newton read the new version of the Mission Statement. It will be posted on the website.

b) Logging Operation Update – DeWolfe mentioned that the town had received an update from DES regarding sediment controls. Rick Burgess, resident at 66 Sanborn Road, said that he feels that the town can issue a cease and desist order to the logger because Brogan Road no longer exists. He said it should have listed a “right of way”. He has several complaints regarding the loggers. He said that there is a greater risk of flooding and also his retaining wall has been driven over. He asked that when an Intent to Cut is presented to the Board that the abutters be notified. He also said that the land use boards be notified also. Felton wants to check with legal about what can be done. Lee Nichols and Harold Lamos, also residents on Sanborn Road, spoke regarding the loggers. Felton moved that the Board should require a new application, a bond, and issue a cease and desist pending legal approval. Newton seconded. All in favor.

c) Furnace Room Bulkhead repairs update – MAV Contracting has finished the repairs and submitted an invoice for \$2875.

d) Mill Pond Hydroelectric Plan/Conservation Commission/W & S Update –James World explained what he wanted to do. Eli Badger, Water and Sewer Commissioner, said that there were concerns about the vibrations from dredging that may cause the sewer pipe to burst. James World will meet with the water & sewer department Tuesday night again and also meet with the Conservation Commission. If the pipe burst it would be catastrophic. Preston asked about a Certificate of Liability and a bond. World mentioned that the company doing the dredging is insured.

e) Options to reduce burden on taxpayers –The Board has asked Branscombe to schedule a meeting with Utility Partners. Newton has started a list of other options that she wants the Board to look at and add to.

f) Tour of Mill – Ashland Properties LLC – The Board toured the Mill property on May 21st. Newton said that the property is a nightmare. Preston said that the Town should take it. Stewart said that other people need to be involved such as legal and engineers. Preston said that only the Town can do something about it and it would take many years. Felton said that the Mill is an accident waiting to happen. The Board will continue to look at this.

g) Leavitt Hill catch basins - Tim Paquette had distributed a quote from Mike Latulippe. Paquette said that the DPW can't handle the project in a timely manner. The Town will buy the pipe needed. Preston asked if Paquette could explore what it would cost if the DPW did the work. How long will it take and how much will it cost? When will Latulippe need it done by?

h) Town Beach Staffing – Jim Gleich had given the Board new proposals which included lifeguards. Ann Barney had petitions with over 100 names on it to support having lifeguards. Sandra Coleman said that the responsibility for the children should be the parents. She said that it is added safety having lifeguards. Several residents spoke about safety issues. After much discussion, DeWolfe asked for a motion to reconsider their previous vote. Preston moved to reconsider position for having lifeguards. Newton seconded. All in favor. Stewart moved to have lifeguards at the beach this summer. Stewart took back motion. More discussion about hours and who would be working and when. Stewart motioned to have lifeguards working until 4 PM and gatekeepers until 6 PM. The bathrooms would be open until 8 PM. Preston seconded. All in favor. Donna Nangle and Jeanette Stewart volunteered to go and lock the bathrooms at 8 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Cloud Agreement with CCS – The agreement is for three years. It has a termination clause if the Town wishes to look for another vendor. There would only need to give 30 days notice.

b) Inter-Municipal Agreement with Plymouth Water & Sewer- The Board decided to sign the one year agreement not the five year one. Stewart moved to sign the agreement for one year.. Felton seconded. All in favor. Some discussion followed regarding creating a similar agreement with Plymouth to pay us. Asked Branscombe to write a proposal.

c) CIP candidates – One open position and two candidates. Newton moved to appoint Ingrid Heidenreich to CIP Committee. Stewart seconded. Preston – Nay. In favor 4-1

d) Booster Club – The Board thanked the AARA for thoroughly cleaning the Booster Club. The outside of the building was power washed, the kitchen was cleaned, and the grounds around the Booster Club were hydro-seeded. thanks to Tree Solutions and Donovan Tree

Newton thanked all the people that donated time and materials to the Community Garden.

Selectboard Items

Smith Hill Road – DeWolfe read an email received from Carol and David Fucarile. They would like the water diverted from their property because it has flooded their leach field. Mrs. Fucarile explained she would like the Board to reconsider their decision. They have been to the town three times for the same problem. DeWolfe said that this won't be an easy solution and can't be handled in one day.

Newton mentioned that she discussed having a joint meeting in the future with the Selectmen from Holderness. She also said that she has a Google calendar for the Board to look at to record any vacations, etc. that they might take.

Public Comments

Jamie Lyford said that the town should allow Mike Latulippe to do the job on Leavitt Hill. He said that the town doesn't have the resources to handle the project. Mr. Lyford also asked about the HEAL budget and how much was being spent from that line for mileage, etc. Newton responded that all those expenses are paid from the grant.

There being no further business, Chairman DeWolfe moved to go into Non-Public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) with a roll call vote, at 10:15 PM Felton seconded. All in favor 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Crowell
6-5-14