

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

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairman DeWolfe with a roll call. Felton here, Newton here, Stewart here, DeWolfe here. Preston absent with notice.

Also present: Paul Branscombe

Motion to accept the minutes of 8/4/14 with corrections made by Stewart, seconded by DeWolfe. All in favor.

Motion to accept the Minutes of 8/18/14 with corrections made by Newton, seconded by DeWolfe. All in favor. (Stewart will give corrections to Pat Crowell.)

Branscombe asked that the Selectmen accept the balance of \$2719.73 for the Fire Department grant for training. Motion by Felton, seconded by Newton. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. The **priority table** was updated by Newton and new columns and headings were added. She will email new form to Town Administrator.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanette Stewart

Pat Crowell arrived and will take minutes from this point on.

- b. Budgeting Timeline – Branscombe is meeting with the department heads this week and should be done by the end of the week. Felton said that the Selectmen need to go over the budgets prior to meeting with the department heads. The Selectmen will meet with the department heads next week. DeWolfe asked the Police Chief if Monday at 6:45pm would be good for him. The Chief said yes.
- c. Owl Brook Road resolution – Felton had the chance to drive out to Owl Brook Road and says that the rocks have been moved, but not enough. He said that Mr. Salvoni made the attempt to satisfy what was asked, but not enough. Most of the Board thought that the rocks should be moved at least another 6 to 8 inches. After some discussion, the Board decided that before the rocks go back out in the Spring, they will let they will send him letter. Felton will draft a letter.
- d. Final Code of Ethics – The Board signed the revised code that was approved at the August 18th meeting.
- e. Economic Development updates – Felton explained that the committee had talked to local businesses. They will meet again on September 16th. They will have a public meeting sometime in October with invitations to local business.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. New Radios Public Works Dept – DeWolfe said that the Public Works Dept. has requested digital radios. The cost would be \$3900 for four mobile radios. Two of the existing analog radios that the Public Works Dept have do not work. DeWolfe said that all radios will need to be digital by 2018 and would rather see the radios put in next year’s budget. This year’s budget is extremely tight. Can the DPW get two analog (used) radios for temporary relief?
- b. Speed Limit on Owl Brook Road – The Board received a petition to have a lower speed limit (15 MPH) on a section of Owl Brook Road. DeWolfe said that there is RSA 265:33 that speed limits cannot be less than 25 MPH. After some discussion it was decided that Branscombe should write letter to Mr. Salvoni.
- c. Personnel Policy – Stewart commented that Patsy Tucker is scheduling a meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Branscombe reviewed the last month and reported what the departments had reported to him. The Board has copies and it will also be on the website.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

- The Primary is Tuesday, September 9, and DeWolfe asked the Board to provide coverage at the polls of at least 2 -1/2 hours each. Stewart will be there from 8 to 10 and will be back about 5:30 to 7 pm. Felton will be out of town on business. Newton and DeWolfe will cover the rest of time.
- DeWolfe mentioned that 93.1% of taxes have been paid.
- Land Use Review Committee will meet this Thursday. Newton will keep the Board informed.
- Felton said that the CIP meeting is on Thursday.
- Newton asked Branscombe how many campers participated in the summer Park & Rec program this past summer. Felton asked about the attendance at the Beach. Branscombe will get those numbers from the Park & Rec Director.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There were no public comments.

Stewart moved to go into Non-Public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) regarding compensation of an employee at 8:06 pm. Newton seconded. Roll Call: Steve Felton yes, Fran Newton yes, Normand DeWolfe yes, Jeanette Stewart yes. The Board took a two minute break.

Next meeting scheduled for September 15, 2014 @ 7:00 pm in the School Library

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Crowell
9-5-14

