

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015
ASHLAND FIRE STATION
7:45 AM**

MINUTES

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 7:45 AM with a roll call. Fran Newton, Steve Felton, Norm DeWolfe, Leigh Sharps and Phil Preston present.

Others Present: Susan MacLeod, Katie Maher

The estimate for the fire escape repair was presented. F. Newton moved to approve the expenditure and S. Felton seconded. Four in favor. N. DeWolfe abstained.

F. Newton moved to nominate Frank Stevens to serve on the Heritage Commission, S. Felton seconded and all approved. F. Newton moved to nominate Kathleen DeWolfe to serve on the Heritage Commission, L. Sharps seconded. All in favor.

N. DeWolfe noted a citizen complaint of a slippery step at the beach. Consensus was that it was likely due to algae. No action taken.

N. DeWolfe noted that the HR director, P. Crowell, had approved a 75% sick leave payout for departing Parks and Recreation Director, J. Gleich when the policy is to pay 50% for a resignation. The discrepancy was noted by Brenda Paquette. The board will meet with Ms. Crowell to remind her of the policy.

Other business: Patsy Tucker made a request to close the town office at 3 PM on Friday for scheduling issues. The board approved. The board approved the use of the town hall parking lot for the town-wide yard sale. We also approved its use for both P. Tucker and P. Crowell for their yard sale items as they have done in the past. Mardean Badger asked for permission to make changes to the town website that would involve a Notchnet expense. We will ask Mardean to get cost estimates and come back to the board. Chief Randall proposed changes to the Police Detail fees. N. DeWolfe moved to approve the new \$70 hourly rate (including vehicle charges). S. Felton seconded the motion and all approved.

The board then interviewed two additional candidates for the Town Administrator position and one applicant for the Parks and Recreation director. In addition, the board met with Lindsay Hale, candidate for the Parks and Recreation After School Supervisor. At the conclusion of the interview, the board unanimously agreed to offer the position to her at a rate of \$10 per hour. She agreed pending a satisfactory results from a background check and fingerprints. She is to go to the Booster Club to meet with the AARA and town hall to initiate the paperwork.

F. Newton will schedule second interviews as agreed as well as an additional Town Administrator applicant.

The next meeting will be on Monday morning at 8:00 AM at the Fire Station.

S. Felton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 AM, which was seconded by L. Sharps. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fran Newton
8-12-15