

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015
ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE
7:30 AM**

MINUTES

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 7:40 AM with a roll call. Fran Newton, Steve Felton, Norm DeWolfe, Leigh Sharps and Phil Preston present.

Others Present: TA Heather Thibodeau, Patsy Tucker and Brenda Paquette.

BUDGETING

The Board discussed the budgeting process and how we are going forward with meetings and gathering budgets. Heather to meet with Department Heads to get better feel of the numbers for the next meeting on the 24th.

Patsy presented the budget for Elections, Deputy Tax/Clerk and Patsy will submit a proposal for the Tax Collector/Town Clerk Salary lines with an additional line for longevity.

Brenda reviewed some lines for Exec and General Government buildings. She has added several newlines for contracts and obligations for easier default budgeting. She also discussed the separating of union and non union wages. The general consensus of the Board was in agreement with separating. The Board also discussed printing of the budget and reports.

OTHER BUSINESS

Heather discussed her road trip with Tim. She was asked to write the letter to DOT for the Highland Street takeover from the state to the town in the 5 year plan. She will consult with Dave Toth regarding his initial draft letter.

Norm brought up that the next work session scheduled for 9/21 starts at 6:30 with GIS presentation. He asked that any agenda items be submitted by Friday AM. Norm to meet with Heather Friday AM to finalize agenda.

The next Budgeting meeting will be on Thursday September 24 at 7:30 AM at the Town Office.

Seeing that there was no other business. Steve F motioned to adjourn at 8:59 AM. Seconded by Fran. Moved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norm DeWolfe
9-16-15