

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY**

MINUTES

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM with a roll call. Steve Felton, Fran Newton, Phil Preston, Normand DeWolfe.

Others Present: Town Administrator Heather Thibodeau and Pat Crowell

2016 Budgeting – Park and Recreation Dept. – Ann Barney was asked to explain her budget. She explained to the Selectmen that some lines will stay the same or will be lower. Some lines need to be a little higher and she explained why. One line will have to be higher because she would like the Booster Club cleaned at least twice a week.

The Board recessed for 6 minutes and resumed the meeting at 6:33 pm.

GUESTS

Jeanie Forrester – Representative for District 2

Ms Forrester discussed the state's budget and how it relates to the towns in her district. She discussed the gas tax, Northern Pass, and bridges and roads.

Mike Lavallee – Certified Computer Services – Discussed the new service contract and that it will be only one bill. He said that two workstations will be replaced next year. He talked about an advanced e-mail system, program sharing, and electronic forms.

APPROVALS

Minutes of September 8, 2015 – Newton moved to approve as written. Felton seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of September 16, 2015 – Felton moved to approve as written. The date at the bottom needs to be updated. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of September 21, 2015 – Newton moved to approve as amended. Felton seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of September 30, 2015 – Felton moved to approve as written. The date at the bottom needs to be updated. Felton seconded. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve Felton – Questions about the Flagpole at the Booster Club – Felton mentioned that Anne Barney was not involved in the discussion regarding the flagpole that the Electric Department is providing. She is concerned with the location and the size and its proximity to the tennis courts. Lee Nichols showed her on a rough sketch where it would be located. The Electric department will be

responsible for raising and lowering the flag. DeWolfe mentioned that the flagpole was discussed at the Planning Board meeting which he attended and there are no special permits that will be needed. Felton asked to have something in writing from the Electric Department and the Electric Commissioners that the pole and flag are being donated to the town. Preston feels that this is contrary to the Master Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Citizen Letter – Beach - The Chairman discussed the letter that the Board of Selectmen received in regard to the Beach. It stated that the sand is poor quality and that there should be lifeguards. He explained that we have a permit to replenish the sand (Spring 2016) and that there will be lifeguards there next year. He asked that Thibodeau send a letter to the Grillo's to explain that.

SB2 meeting date – DeWolfe explained that there are two choices for the SB2 meeting. They are 1/30/2016 and 2/6/2016. Newton said that 1/30 would be better in case of snow. Newton moved to set the meeting date for SB2 to 1/30/2016. Felton seconded. All in favor. The SB2 meeting is at the school gymnasium at 1 PM.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Thibodeau discussed budgeting and HealthTrust.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

Carol Fucarile asked the Board to come to her house on 7 Smith Hill Road to discuss the drainage issues at her property. The Board decided on Wednesday at 6 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ernie and Bonnie Linda Vlk talked with the Board regarding North Ashland Road. They would like the town to consider asking the state to take the road over. The Board asked Paquette what his thoughts were. He mentioned that there are advantages and disadvantages. They also asked David Toth from the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee. Toth said that he will ask the committee if it's feasible. The Selectmen will look into it.

David Toth asked that the commissioners be kept informed about insurance issues and about the Cadillac tax.

Tim Paquette informed the Board that the invoice to fix the MACK truck was \$1200 less than quoted.

There being no other business, **Newton moved to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II (a) at 7:57 PM.** Felton seconded. All in favor 4-0 **Roll Call Vote:** DeWolfe, yes: Felton, yes: Newton, yes: Preston, yes.

There being no further business, Newton moved to adjourn at. seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Crowell
10-6-15