

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015
ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE
7:30 AM**

MINUTES

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM with a roll call. Fran Newton, Norm DeWolfe, Leigh Sharps and Phil Preston present.

Others Present: TA Heather Thibodeau, Brenda Paquette, Patsy Tucker, PD Chief Anthony Randall, FD Chief Steve Heath, DPW Dir. Tim Paquette

Fire Department Chief Steve Heath informed the Board of the resignation of Deputy Chief Tim Joubert. He stated that because his son is a potential candidate that he has recused himself from the search and selection process. The Board discussed possible ways for selection. It was mentioned that there could be involvement by other fire departments. It was mentioned that the TA should be involved also.

BUDGET

Chief Heath questioned several lines in the Selectmen revised column. They were: correct salary to 49 weeks not 39. He questioned the default line for salary. This was lowered by \$1000. and moved to the detail line. There was discussion about the generator for the emergency management proposed budget and default budget. We still need to get the precise information for this line to finalize the Selectmen budgeting. Need to place FD Contract services in default column. He questioned the fuel line and the printer/copier line.

DPW Director Paquette questioned several lines in the selectmen revised column. They were: Vehicle expense, Hwy Fuel, Equipment maintenance, hwy equipment(radios) and SWD Hauling.

PD Chief Randall questioned several lines in the Selectmen revised column. They were: Vehicle Maintenance, PD uniforms, PD gasoline. He recommended to the Board that we should reduce equipment purchase to \$2200 because he had already purchased guns. He also requested that we adjust cellular phones to \$3200.

There was a motion to go into non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II(c) by Fran N, seconded by Leigh Sharps at 8:30 AM. Roll Call Vote: Phil-yes, Fran-yes, Leigh-yes and Norm-yes

Motion to leave nonpublic session Fran N, seconded by Leigh Sharps at 8:47. Vote- 4-0

Returned to public meeting

Patsy Tucker questioned several lines. They were: her salary/longevity stipend for her combined positions and why the Board did not approve her Request for a total salary of \$49,000. She also questioned Fin tax postage in default and Tax Col. Expenses in default.

The Board then discussed the above concerns. All the questioned lines were discussed and a consensus on each was taken. The Board kept most lines the same as they were prior to this

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meeting. The changes were: Fin Tax postage default to \$2500. ,Tax collector expenses default to \$3675., DPW salary default 51,500, Selectmen revised to 53,432. The Board also questioned why 2015 default 52,280. PD equipment purchase was revised to \$2200 for all lines, PD Cell phones to \$3200 for all lines, PD Gasoline to \$9000 in selectmen revised, FD printing (printer/copier) to \$500 for selectmen revised, Hwy fuel was increased to \$22,000 in selectmen revised.

The letter from TriCap was opened. They are requesting \$3107. for this year's petitioned warrant.

Finance Officer Paquette was asked to make the changes and update the numbers.

WARRANT ARTICLES

The Board discussed the responses from Walter Mitchell that were requested by Patsy. The Board asked TA Thibodeau to further discuss the separating of the operating budget when she met with him later in the day.

Seeing that there was no other business. Phil P. motioned to adjourn at 9:59 AM. Seconded by Fran N. Moved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norm DeWolfe
11-5-15