

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2015
ASHLAND FIRE STATION
7:30 AM**

MINUTES

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 7:36 AM with a roll call. Fran Newton, Steve Felton, Norm DeWolfe and Phil Preston present.

Others Present: DPW Dir. Tim Paquette

BALER

Tim asked the Board what they had decided regarding putting the cost of the new Baler into the 2016 Budget and signing agreement to also include it in the Default Budget. The Board decided to wait until the used Baler is delivered and Tim to give further assessment and recommendation at the next meeting.

BUDGET

The Chair reviewed and approved the new changes to the Budget Worksheets as provided by Finance Officer Paquette. They were:

BOS and Default to \$4217 for FIN TAX CO Expenses.

BOS and Default for PD Supplies and Training -They were approved previously. OK'd again.

BOS and Default for FD Contracts- changes to \$6052.

BOS and Default for FD Mutual Aid- to \$21,380.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was discussion about the sequence sort of the Tax Roster on the website. It is only by Tax payer name and map location. The Board agreed by consensus to request that Patsy sort sequence to include Name, location address and map ID all together in the listing and also to be listed in EXCEL format.

The Board discussed Cleaning of Town buildings/grounds. A Motion was made by Steve F and seconded by Fran N to "Require that cleaning be a contract service by January 1, 2016". Vote 4-0. Moved unanimously.

The Board discussed the Virtual Town Hall estimate. Higher cost than Notchnet. Board agreed that the larger issue is e-mail. The Board needs cost from CCS. The Board will further discuss.

The Board discussed the Letter from Army Corps of Engineers. Fran will follow up with Kathleen DeWolfe after the Holiday weekend to work on formulating response.

The Board discussed the campground lease. Consensus was to have TA gather other area leases such as Ames Brook, Jellystone etc. to compare and to have Legal review contract.

The Board discussed the Whipple House. Agreed that a letter needs to be sent to the Historical Society/Heritage Commission. Discuss with TA to formulate.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Phil asked about escape clause in Fire Truck WA. Agreed NOT to have escape clause.

Phil brought up discussion regarding the Board's thought on a Warrant Article to bring the Town back to a Town Meeting vs SB2 Town. The Board agreed that TA needs to gather info regarding the two formats from other towns for further discussion.

NON PUBLIC

A motion was made by Fran N and seconded by Norm D to go into Non Public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II (a) at 8:34 AM. Roll Call Fran-Yes, Phil-Yes, Steve-Yes, Norm-Yes. Discussed employee issues. The Board discussed getting Mark B to meeting on 12/2 or at least conference call on that date. Motion to leave Non Public at 9:07 AM by Fran and seconded by Steve. Vote 4-0. Move unanimously.

Seeing that there was no other business. Fran N. motioned to adjourn at 9:08 AM. Seconded by Steve F. Moved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norm DeWolfe
11-25-15