

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015
ASHLAND FIRE STATION
7:30 AM**

MINUTES

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 7:32 AM with a roll call. Fran Newton, Steve Felton, Norm DeWolfe and Phil Preston present.

Others Present: TA Heather Thibodeau, DPW Dir. Tim Paquette, FD Chief Steve Heath

Tim presented the Board with the proposal for the new Baler including trade in and installation. The total cost of \$9549 is good to the end of 2017. Tim suggested a new line in SWD for SWD equipment and that Board sign off to create contract which will be reflected in 2016 Default Budget. Fran N made motion to sign proposal for \$9549. in new SWD line for the 2016 Proposed Budget and Default Budget. Steve F seconded. Vote 4-0. Moved unanimously.

Steve Heath asked Board about future Wednesday morning meetings. There may be some meetings that need to be held in the smaller meeting room. He also asked the Board for a new shredder. The Board agreed by consensus.

Engineering estimates were presented. Three firms have responded. CMA declined to present proposal for just Smith Hill, but are interested in the entire project including Thompson St.

Quantum submitted proposal for engineering the first 212 feet of Smith Hill for \$27,040. Actual cost to do construction could be up to \$98,000. The firms do not feel tht there is an easy fix for the drainage of Smith Hill. It appears as though that the town will not be able to do Smith Hill separately. The Board asked for copies of the Quantum proposal.

A motion to temporarily recess was made by Fran N. at 8:03 AM. Seconded by Steve F. Vote 4-0. Moved unanimously.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 8:55 AM.

TA Heather Thibodeau informed the Board about the Welfare 101 presentation on 12/9. Norm informed Board that he was informed of this by Welfare Director Suzi McCormack when in the office on 11/24. He thought that this was approved by TA . Heather was directed by the Board to discuss with Suzi. Whatever TA decided relative to the program was supported by the Board.

TA informed the Board that the stipend for the Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk was brought up at the Budget committee meeting on November 30th. There was questions about how often the Deputy has worked in 2015. A motion was made by Fran N to reduce the selectmen revised column for the stipend for both Deputy positions to \$100 each. Seconded by Steve F. Vote 3-0.Moved unanimously.

Seeing that there was no other business. Fran N. motioned to adjourn at 9:12 AM. Seconded by Steve F. Moved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norm DeWolfe
12-4-2015