

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY**

MINUTES

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a roll call. Fran Newton, Norm DeWolfe, Leigh Sharps, Phil Preston, present.

Others Present: Town Administrator Heather Thibodeau and Pat Crowell

GUESTS

Bill Lutske from Virtual Town Hall gave a presentation about a new web site. He said that his company has 85 municipal clients in New Hampshire. He talked about using new email which the Board was interested in.

Martha Richards, Grafton County Commissioner, spoke about several issues including Northern Pass, the drug problem, and the various county facilities.

APPROVALS

Minutes of November 2, 2015 – Newton moved to approve as written. Preston seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of November 4, 2015 – Newton moved to approve as written. Preston seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of November 16, 2015 – DeWolfe moved to approve as amended. Newton seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of November 18, 2015 – Preston moved to approve as amended. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of November 25, 2015 – Newton moved to approve as written. Preston seconded. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Current Issue Log – The log needs to be updated. Will speak on it at the worksession.

Whipple House/Historical Society Letter – Thibodeau wrote letter to David Ruell concerning the issues that the town attorney has. The insurance company is aware of the leaky roof. Ruell said that many people have looked at the roof. He says that the current lease continues through 2016. The Board said that they needed to explore the legality of the sub-lease which was not written in the deed.

Warrant Article continuation – Thibodeau gave a paper to DeWolfe regarding disorderly actions, which Patsy Tucker had given her. The Board will discuss this at their next meeting on Wednesday.

NEW BUSINESS

PB Cam for SB2 and Billing – The consensus of the Board is that they would like the SB2 meeting on television. PB Cam would like to bill the town and the school together and send the bill to the town. The town would then pay the bill and get reimbursed by the school.

Safe Routes to School Grant opportunity – DeWolfe asked David Toth to speak. Toth said that the TAC committee would apply for the grant. Part of the grant would cover engineering and survey routes that students take. Will be meeting with Thibodeau this week. There is no deadline to apply. Toth also mentioned that TAC will have a meeting to take place at dark on North Ashland Road with Mike Izard from LRPC, Public Works, the Police Department, and probably the VLK's, and any other interested parties.

BID Opening for Audit Services RFP – The Board opened bids from Roberts & Greene, Melanson & Heath, and Vachon Clukay & Co. The Board decided to discuss the bids at their Wednesday morning meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Thibodeau said that she will talk with Ann Barney regarding the letter to the people at the campground about the rates being increased. There are two cleaning companies which will be coming in this week to give quotes on cleaning the town hall, police department, and the Booster Club.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

DeWolfe thanked all the people involved in making Christmas Night in Ashland a success. Newton said that she would like to meet with Thibodeau and Kathleen DeWolfe regarding the Army Corps of Engineers at the town hall at 9AM Tuesday. The deadline for the information that they are requesting is the 17th of December.

There being no other business, **Newton moved to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II (a) at 8:03 PM.** Sharps seconded. All in favor 4-0 **Roll Call Vote:** Sharps, yes; Newton, yes; DeWolfe, yes; Preston, yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Crowell
12-9-15