

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY April 18, 2016
ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
6:00 PM

NON-PUBLIC Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

Union representatives George Chase and Ray Dow met with Selectmen. Non-Public minutes taken by Norm DeWolfe.

Chairman DeWolfe resumed the meeting at 6:30 PM. Steve Felton, Norm DeWolfe, Leigh Sharps, Harold Lamos, present.

Others Present: Town Administrator Heather Thibodeau and Pat Crowell

Brett Kay from **NOBIS** discussed the RFQ for Thompson Street and Smith Hill Road. Would like to issue the RFQ on May 6, 2016. Tim Paquette had reviewed the project with Brett. It was suggested that High Street should be part of the project. The Board said that they will review the information and get back to NOBIS. Surveyors need to be contacted as soon as possible. Tony Randall said that he has plans for the area which were done from a fly-over.

OLD BUSINESS

Current Issue Log – The Board updated the log and would like another column added for Priority. The levels will be numbered 1 through 3, 1 being most important.

Beach Visit – Felton, Newton, and Lamos walked the beach. Felton said that there were issues with the barrier between the grass and the sand. Thibodeau said that the Department of Corrections is coming to clean up the campground and the beach area as they have done in previous years. The snow fencing will be taken down and the cat o’ nine tails will be cut down. Paquette said that the town should apply for a dredge and fill permit in the future. The steps need to be repaired. Paquette said that he has spoken with Anne Barney about calling a local dock builder. There are issues with the ramp. The cement wall is cracked and should be repaired.

Northern Borders Grant – DeWolfe reported that the Water & Sewer Department is submitting the grant.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Road Projects – Paquette would like to shim and overlay 5000 feet of River Street to finish the road. Another road that he would like to do this year is North Ashland Road. He would like to chip seal this road. He explained what chip seal is to the Board. He said that he has a ten year plan for the roads. The Board gave Paquette the go ahead to do the specs for River Street. Paquette also told the Board that there is only one company in New England that does chip sealing, All State Asphalt.

Pemi Baker Solid Waste District – Alternate – Lamos motioned to appoint George Chase the alternate to the Pemi Baker Solid Waste District. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor. Paquette said that Doug Ober resigned today. The Board wished him well and gave Paquette the approval to put an ad in the newspaper.

Historical Society application for Grant – David Ruell explained that the Historical Society are applying for a grant to rebuild the chimneys at the Whipple House. Felton moved to approve that the Historical Society apply for the grant for chimney replacement. Sharps seconded. All in favor. Ruell asked that the Board write a letter of support.

Financial Review – Felton had some questions regarding some lines in the budget. Thibodeau will check and report back to the Selectmen. DeWolfe would like more timely reports from the Finance Officer.

Abatements – There are three abatements. One was recommended by the assessor, and two denied.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Boston Post Cane awarded – The cane will be awarded to John Cilley on April 23rd at 2 pm at the Legion. The Selectmen are invited.

Department Head Reports – Anne Barney has some concerns over the flag pole that will be installed on the Booster Club property. The Selectmen said that any concerns should be addressed with the Electric Commissioners. Thibodeau summarized the rest of the department reports.

Response from legal regarding proposed Electric Building – Addressed earlier.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

Sharps reported items addressed at the last Heritage Commission meeting. She spoke about a New Hampshire barn survey and that letters would be going out to owners of ole barns.

The Chairman announced that a representative from Senator Ayotte's office will be at the Town Office on Thursday from 8:30 to 9:30 am. Dog licenses are due by April 30th. He asked that the 911 numbers be displayed on houses. When you go to the Transfer Station, check with the attendant if you don't know where something is supposed to go. He said that our Assessors will be contacting residents to make appointments to see the interiors of homes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Felton moved to adjourn at 9:04 pm. Sharps seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Crowell
4-21-16