

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY MAY 2, 2016  
ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY  
6:30 PM**

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM with a roll call. Steve Felton, Norm DeWolfe, Fran Newton, Leigh Sharps, Harold Lamos, present.

Others Present: Pat Crowell

**Katie Maher and Sue MacLeod – Reuben Whitten Presentation**

Sue MacLeod did a power point presentation regarding the Year without a summer and Reuben Whitten. Katie Maher spoke about what is planned to celebrate Reuben Whitten. Snowflakes will be hung around town and one at the Town Hall. Blue, white, and silver flowers will be planted. She discussed the Ice Cream Social on June 5 and the Historical Society tour on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The Chairman read a Proclamation stating that August 27<sup>th</sup> is Reuben Whitten Day. Maher also said that they would like to incorporate an employee and volunteer appreciation day during that week. “Early American Life” magazine has a full page article on Reuben Whitten in the June edition. Felton motioned to accept the proclamation as Reuben Whitten Day on August 27, 2016. Newton seconded. All in favor.

**Ann Barney Park & Rec Director, Summer Plans Update**

Barney said that she has checked all the towns in the area and our summer camp prices are not higher than others. She said that there are all new pamphlets and the calendar is on Facebook. Campground opened on May 1<sup>st</sup> for the campers that are paid up, she has only a few that are not paid. The interior of the bath house has been cleaned. The roof and sides will be power-washed. Jeremy Hiltz is donating screened sand for the beach, and weather permitting, the public works department will spread it next week. The stairs to the water will be fixed. Siltation fence will be put up. The cat tails will be taken care of. The volleyball net will be replaced. The Chairman asked her about lifeguards. She mentioned that she has hired three. She will keep a close eye on her budget. Barney also said that swimming lessons might be offered.

**APPROVALS**

**Minutes of April 4** – Newton moved to approve as written. Sharps seconded. All in favor. 5-0

**Minutes of April 11** – Newton moved to approve as written. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor. 5-0

**Minutes of April 18** – Felton moved to approve as amended. Lamos seconded. All in favor. 4-0-1

**Minutes of April 25** – Felton moved to approve as amended. Sharps seconded. All in favor 5-0

**Signature File**

There were three abatements:

Felton moved to accept the denial of the abatement for 002-001-001-039. Newton seconded. All in favor.

Felton moved to accept the denial of the abatement for 022-001-001. Newton seconded. All in favor.

Newton moved to accept the approval of the abatement for 015-003-001. Felton seconded. All in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Current Issue Log – A few changes, the Board liked the Priority column.

Building, Electric, and Plumbing Inspector update – Newton mentioned that the Fire Chief would like an electrical inspector to go through a few properties. There are two potential candidates for building inspector. Newton said that she will follow-up.

NOBIS – Thompson Street engineering RFQ/RFP proposal – Newton said that Nobis will go with the RFP format and that they will send an electronic copy by Friday. She will follow-up with Nobis.

Electric Department Building plans letter – The Chairman said that he hand delivered a letter to the Electric Department last week with some questions. There has been no response yet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Conservation Commission concern North Ashland Road – Lamos reported that there was a concern that there was water being drained into the culvert. DES has been notified.

## **SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

The Chairman said that he has received a letter from Sandra Coleman regarding the Day Away Program. The Town passed the warrant article for \$1500 and she is formally asking for that.

There being no other business, Newton moved to adjourn at 7:21 pm. Felton seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Crowell

5-4-16