

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY June 20, 2016
ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
6:30 PM

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a roll call. Steve Felton, Norm DeWolfe, Fran Newton, Harold Lamos, present. Leigh Sharps arrived shortly after roll call.

Others Present: Town administrator Heather Thibodeau and Pat Crowell

Katie Maher and Susan MacLeod spoke about the LChip Assessment Grant. MacLeod prepared the Project Acknowledgement Form which needs to be signed by the Board. An assessment of the property (Town Office) has to be done before the grant can be issued. The town portion of the grant would be 50%. The grant will be awarded in Mid-November. DeWolfe moved to go forward with the LChip Grant. Felton seconded. All in favor 5-0. DeWolfe signed the acknowledgement with the Board's approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Inspector Search Update – DeWolfe said that the Town has received two applications, but neither is certified. Another ad will be posted. The Board asked Thibodeau to call MRI and ask them.

Current Issue Log – The Board reviewed the log. Several updates were made and a few issues were archived.

NEW BUSINESS

Certified Computer Estimates Update – Certified Computer doesn't recommend that the town purchase laptops. They do recommend a Surface Pro for the Town Administrator. The Board agreed.

Thompson Street Bids and Nobis recommendation – DeWolfe motioned to accept the recommendation from Nobis to hire the engineering firm HTA. Felton seconded. All in favor 5-0. The Water & Sewer Dept. still has to decide. Letters need to be sent to the other bidders.

Recycling Ordinance & Fees – DeWolfe had questions about latex paint and boats. Paquette said that they take empty cans. He also said that they charge \$25.00 for boats. DeWolfe moved to charge \$50.00 for boats. Newton seconded. All in favor 5-0. Paquette suggested that fees for metal be removed because we get money for metal. Newton motioned to remove fees as recommended. Sharps seconded. All in favor 5-0. The Board commented on how well organized and clean the Transfer Station has been. Felton asked about "dump" stickers. Would like to know how many have been issued so far.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Thibodeau said that the Beach is open and looks great. She wrote a letter to the abutters in regard to the fireworks. The Booster Club stove is fixed. There will be two lifeguards on duty at the beach. Elaine Hughes Realty donated the tee shirts for the campers. The grader has transmission issues. Chief Heath has issues with the equipment and will give a written report next week. Felton asked if there is a schedule for mowing and trimming between the sidewalk and road. Paquette explained.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

DeWolfe said that the Board has received Heather Thibodeau's resignation. Her last day will be July 11, 2016. The Board accepted the letter with regret and wished her well. DeWolfe also mentioned that the Town might want to contemplate having a Town Manager.

Newton moved to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II (a) at 7:41 PM. Felton seconded. All in favor 5-0 **Roll Call Vote:** Lamos, yes; Sharps, yes; DeWolfe, yes; Felton, yes, Newton, yes.

Selectmen resume meeting at 8:11 pm. The Board asked Thibodeau to write a job description for a part-time Human Resource person. Chief Heath is interested in being on the committee to select a new Town Administrator. Until further notice, the Board will hold their regular meetings at the Fire Station.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Crowell
6-23-16