

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**MONDAY June 27, 2016**  
**ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE**  
**6:00 PM**

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with a roll call. Steve Felton, Norm DeWolfe, Fran Newton, Harold Lamos, Leigh Sharps present

Others Present: Town administrator Heather Thibodeau, Ann Barney, Pat Crowell

Ann Barney here to discuss “the hole” at the Booster Club. A fence has been placed around the hole by the public works department. The hole is there because a flag was supposed to be erected there and the flag raising was scheduled for the night of the fireworks. The flag raising has been cancelled because the electric department could not schedule work to be done on field because of the summer camp program. The hole is 3 feet deep and needs to be covered. After discussing several options, Thibodeau will ask the public works department to come up with a fix. Another topic that she wanted to discuss is the use of “floaties” as the beach. Barney said that they allow Coast Guard approved vests. The Board agreed that arm floaties would be allowed. DeWolfe mentioned that he has seen several people walk down the jetty to the beach. Barney said that the people working on the beach monitor that situation. Thibodeau mentioned that the job descriptions for the Park & Rec Director, After School Program Supervisor, and the Summer Camp Manager have not been accepted by the Board. DeWolfe motioned to approve the job descriptions of the Park & Rec Director, After School Program Supervisor, and the Summer Camp Manager have not been accepted by the Board. Newton seconded. All in favor. The Summer Camp Manager will need to work with the children on a day-to-day basis. Lamos asked about the smell of gas at the Booster Club. Chief Heath has checked and it is maybe mercaptan. DeWolfe asked about wiring at the Booster Club. Barney said that she will remind Chief Heath.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

DeWolfe explained that MRI does have a Building Inspector at \$65/hr. Al LaPlante would like \$300/net a week. He will work whenever needed and will be here Friday mornings for appointments. His #1 priority is Tilton. DeWolfe moved to hire Al LaPlante at his requested salary. Newton seconded. Some questions about him carrying, but Chief Randall said he has a permit. All in favor. When Thibodeau leaves, LaPlante will get his direction from Newton.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR APPLICATIONS**

Several applications have been received. The Board will interview Charles Smith, Debra Hodgkins, and Katie Ambrose. Interviews will start on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am at the Fire Station. Asked Thibodeau to send letter to the applicants not interested in.

## **PART-TIME HUMAN RESOURCE PERSON**

DeWolfe mentioned that Jennifer Ogden would be a good candidate for the position. Felton knows her and will give her a call. The job description is OK, but the hours can be worked out.

## **GIS UPDATE**

All of the tax maps and information from the tax cards are in the system. Security restrictions will need to be put in place when the system is ready for public use.

Felton said that the Economic Development Committee met with Mill owners.

Lamos will need a copy of the Whipple House lease and will. What time will the Board meet with the Historical Commission and the Heritage Commission on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

DeWolfe reported that he was at the Water & Sewer Commission meeting and they are only going to pay 12% of the design cost from NOBIS. He would like to have a joint meeting with them. The two invoices that we have should be paid out of the Capital Reserves or Highway Bock Grant money. The Board decided to pay the invoices out of the block grant money and bill the Water & Sewer dept.

All meetings will be held at the Fire Station.

The Transfer Station is very hot inside the building. The Board decided that ceiling fans would help. Thibodeau will check with an electrician to get the job done. Also, Lamos stated that there are some sharp objects sticking out from the side of the building and should be taken down.

Felton asked about Eversource meeting with Water & Sewer (Northern Pass). The Board would like to meet with Conservation, Planning Board, and Water & Sewer to discuss what is being offered.

Felton would like to see how many “dump” stickers have been sold.

Chairman DeWolfe asked Thibodeau about the “chain of command” and asked her if she would like to discuss a department head calling a Selectman making accusations in non-public setting.

**Newton moved to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II (a) at 7:22 PM.** Felton seconded. All in favor 5-0 **Roll Call Vote:** Lamos, yes; Sharps, yes; DeWolfe, yes; Felton, yes, Newton, yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Crowell  
6-30-16