

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017
ASHLAND FIRE STATION
7:30 AM

Opened at 7:30 a.m. Present: Harold Lamos, Steve Felton, Leigh Sharps, Fran Newton (by phone), members of the public and DPW head Tim Paquette.

Meeting started with Steve Felton stating the board only received one letter of interest for the vacant selectman seat, due to the passing of Norm DeWolfe. He announced the letter was from Katie Maher. Steve motioned, Fran seconded to appoint Katie Maher as interim selectman until the next March election.

Discussed about 6 trees be cut down on the site of the future electric dept. storage building on town property without permission of the board. A meeting is scheduled for Sept. 7 between the electric commissioners and board on outstanding issues including the trees being cut. Commissioner Sandra Coleman told the board the trees were due to come down anyway and seeing as how trees are being cut on North Ashland Rd. the commissioners felt it was ok to cut the trees during the same time span.

Town Atty. Walter Mitchell approved a letter the board sent to the commissioners asking for the joint meeting. The board will consult with Walter at the non-meeting on this and other areas of concern when they meet with him next Wednesday. Sandra Coleman said nothing more would be done at the site until the meeting.

T.A. Charlie Smith said he had contacted the Primex Human Resources person. They will get a questionnaire to Pat Crowell before the board moves forward with hiring a consultant. When completed the representative from Primex will sit down with the board. Smith said Gary Thornton of Thornton Co. Soc. of HR consultants also said he would be glad to look at the personnel booklet and process/rules.

An HR woman who works in Meredith 3-4 days a week and there may be a possibility of sharing her.

Tim Sweetsir will be sworn in to serve on the zoning board.

Tim Paquette came before the board and wants to use the \$23,000 from Hoyle and Tanner account and possibly from the capital reserve fund for shimming North Ashland Rd. He said it will be crack-sealed early spring. Board voted F. Newton first, Steve Felton second to allow Paquette to take \$9,200 from \$23,000 for the project.

Calendar: Next Tuesday 5:30 p.m., Wednesday. 8 a.m. and 6:30

Sharps moved to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II (a) at 7:55 AM. Lamos seconded. All in favor 4-0 **Roll Call Vote:** Lamos, yes; Sharps, yes; Felton, yes, Newton, yes.

No decisions made.

Went back into public session at 8:10 am, Newton yes, Sharps, yes, Lamos, yes, Felton, yes.

The MS-1 form was not signed. Lamos found several errors including 24,000 acres of land should be 2,400. Also the electric department and water and sewer departments were not on it. Smith will look at it further for any more errors. He said the Sept. 1 date was not 'written in stone' and could be more flexible.

Newton motioned, Felton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Sharps