

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2016**  
**ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE**  
**5:30 PM**

The Board of Selectmen convened for a Tuesday evening meeting to complete the 2017 budget. Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Present: Chairman Fran Newton, Selectmen Steve Felton, Katie Maher, Harold Lamos, and Leigh Sharps. Also present was Town Administrator Charles Smith and Police Chief Tony Randall.

1. The board reviewed the Police Chief's historic contracts and discussed the Chief's proposal for a new contract. After review a new contract was agreed upon by the board. The board instructed the Town Administrator to work with counsel on drafting a new contract to be signed by the board. Upon agreeing to the parameters of a new contract the board adjusted the Police Department budget wages line, which also included an adjustment to the wage for the Lieutenant position to coincide with union negotiations. After the adjustments, the Police Department budget was formally approved.
2. The Select Board approved the General Assistance budget and asked the TA to research into their ability to inspect buildings whose tenants receive rental assistance.
3. In closing the board revisited the Department of Public Works budget and approved the budget after revisions. This approval finalized the boards revised budget. The board instructed the TA to forward the budget onto the Budget Committee.

The board adjourned their meeting at 8:20 PM.

The next scheduled Selectmen meeting is Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Fire Station conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Smith