

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016
ASHLAND FIRE STATION
6:30 PM

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a roll call. Fran Newton, Leigh Sharps, Harold Lamos, Kathleen Maher, present

Others Present: Town Administrator Charles Smith and Administrative Assistant Pat Crowell

The Board signed the Payroll and Accounts Payable Manifests and also the items in the signature file.

NEW BUSINESS

Eli Badger introduced Don Dumont and Jim Knighton, President and Vice-President of Whip-o-Will Development on Route 3 in Plymouth. The development consists of 65 homes of which 60 are occupied. Mr. Dumont explained that 5 wells have failed and have no more areas to drill. They have approached Ashland Water & Sewer Department to possibly provide them with water. They are located about a mile beyond our border on Route 3/25. They will absorb all of the costs for the project. Their development will use about 11,000 gallons daily and about 4 million a year. Whip-o-Will would like to break ground by the spring, but DES and PUC need to approve. No action is required by the Town.

MINUTES

December 5 – Sharps moved to approve as written. Maher seconded. All in favor 4-0.

December 7 – Maher moved to approve as written. Lamos seconded. All in favor 3-0. Sharps abstained.

December 12 – Lamos moved to approve as written. Maher seconded. All in favor 3-0 Sharps abstained.

December 14 – Maher moved to approve as written. Lamos seconded. All in favor 4-0

APPROVALS

Hoyle & Tanner contract overage – TA Smith explained that the overage was originally about \$12,000 but Hoyle & Tanner amended their request to \$7000. Maher moved to approve the amended contract. Sharps seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Devine, Millimet, & Branch, PA – TA Smith said that this firm is held in high regard as a bond counsel. They have asked that we sign an engagement letter. They will prepare all documents and know all the rules and regulations. If the bond is not approved at Town Meeting, it will be voided. Maher moved to sign the engagement letter. Sharps seconded. All in favor 4-0.

NHNY Marina Development d/b/a/ Riveredge Marina letter – TA Smith has written a letter regarding the encroachment of camper trailers on their property. Riveredge Marina has agreed to allow the infringement. Lamos motioned to have TA Smith sign the letter. Sharps seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) grant awarded – Sue MacLeod was asked to speak about the LCHIP grant. She explained that it is for \$36,500 with a 50% match. The grant is to be used to obtain detailed plans for re-use and re-structuring of the Town Office

building. The assessment report is just the ground work for future plans of the building. The grant has suggested guidelines regarding a historic building. The Board thanked Sue and the Heritage Commission for all their work. Maher moved to have the Chairman sign the letter. Lamos seconded. All in favor 4-0.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

The Chairman said that the Board has received a Notice to Proceed from DES that the town can proceed with the redevelopment of the Heath Building (large white building in the Mill district) with Brownsfield funds. The Board thanked Mardean Badger for writing the grant.

Lamos moved to appoint Tejasinha Sivalingam to the Zoning Board. Sharps seconded. All in favor. 4-0.

The Board received a request from Fire Chief Heath to appoint several Deputy Fire Wardens. Chief Heath explained to the Board that Fire Wardens can issue permits. Maher moved to appoint the Fire Wardens that the Chief has recommended. Lamos second. All in favor 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Current Issue Log – TA Smith revised the format. He would like to call it the Project List and it is not in excel format. The Board liked the new format. Several topics on the list were discussed and most remained on the list.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Regulation amendment warrant article – Sue MacLeod explained the warrant article. It will need a public hearing and will need to be posted in the paper this week.

The Board will meet this Wednesday, December 21st, at the Town office at 7:30am to discuss the budget and articles on the warrant.

The first meeting in 2017 will be Tuesday, January 3rd at 6:30pm. The Board decided to move the meetings back to the Library at the elementary school for January through April. TA Smith will follow-up with the school.

The Chairman reminded everyone about the Town Report. She would like the Board to send her a list of items to be included in the report. Lamos moved to dedicate the 2016 Town Report to Normand DeWolfe who passed away this year. Maher seconded. The Chairman also wanted to thank the many volunteers.

The Board thanked the 4th grade class at the elementary school for their letters. The Board will respond. There being no other business, **Sharps moved to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II (a) at 7:45 PM.** Maher seconded. All in favor 4-0 **Roll Call Vote:** Lamos, yes; Maher, yes, Sharps, yes, Newton, yes..

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Crowell
December 20, 2016