

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28th 2016
ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE BUILDING
4:30 PM

The Board of Selectmen convened for a Wednesday evening meeting to continue discussion about which articles to add to the warrant and other matters before the town. Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. Present: Chairman Fran Newton, Selectmen Steve Felton, Katie Maher, Harold Lamos, and Leigh Sharps. Also present was Town Administrator Charles Smith, Water & Sewer Commissioners Eli Badger and David Toth.

1. Chairman Newton opened the meeting for discussion amongst the Select Board and Commissioners about the previously received Ever Source Site Access Agreement. Commissioner Badger expressed the department is okay with a fence along the right-of-way, it should provide a barrier to the well field. But the department needs to keep access through the area Ever Source has requested access. Commissioner Badger also mentioned how there was no real objections to the access agreement plans except on the water side. Water & Sewer agreed with the Select Board that both boards should sign off on the agreement. Before moving forward with the agreement Chairman Newton is to discuss with Ever Source Rep Tony Giunta about the boards concerns with the agreement, as such; board prefers the agreement be on an annual basis, have both boards sign, and provide examples as to the type of fence Ever Source might install.
 - a. The Select Board also discussed with the Commissioners reimbursement to the town for the Nobis Engineering fees from their work on the Thompson Street/Smith Hill Road reconstruction project. Water & Sewer intends on contacting Nobis about a breakdown of the fees between town and utilities.
2. Selectmen voted unanimously for the following:
 - a. Request reimbursement to the town from the Trustee of the Trust Funds;
 - i. \$28,008 from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Police Chief purchased 2017 Ford Explorer for Police Department)
 - ii. \$85,349 from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for engineering fees on the Thompson Street/Smith Hill Road project.
 - b. Allow the Town Administrator Smith to apply with USDA for future financing with the Thompson Street/Smith Hill Road project. USDA application deadline is January 30, 2017. Approval of application is contingent upon town legislative body approving 2017 warrant article.
3. Board continued discussion about which articles to place on the warrant. Two articles were recommended. Further discussion about the warrant to be schedule at next board meeting.

The board adjourned their meeting at 6:26 PM. Next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3rd 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Ashland Elementary School Cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Smith