

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017
ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6:30 PM

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a roll call. Chairman Fran Newton, Selectmen Leigh Sharps, Casey Barney, and Harold Lamos; present. Selectman Tejasinha Sivalingam was absent. Others Present: Town Administrator Charles Smith and Administrative Assistant Wendy Smith.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Newton read letter from the Marsh family regarding the outstanding service received from the Fire Department.

Chairman Newton announced after non-meeting with Attorney Steven Whitely regarding the PSNH Site Access Agreement that it was determined an amended version of the Site Access Agreement would be written to cover only engineering studies. The study would determine the condition of the sewage lagoons and wells and how to prevent damage to the lagoons and wells during construction of Northern Pass.

MINUTES

November 7, 2016- Sharps approved as amended, Barney seconded. All in favor.

March 6, 2017-Sharps approved as amended, Barney seconded. All in favor.

March 20, 2107-Casey approved as written, Newton seconded. All in favor.

APPROVALS

- Susan MacLeod reappointed to the Heritage Commission. Lamos moved to approve, Sharps seconded. All in favor.
- David Ruell reappointed to the Heritage Commission. Lamos moved to approve, Sharps seconded. All in favor.
- Steve Felton appointed to Economic Development Committee. Sharps motioned to approve, Lamos seconded. All in favor.
- Michelle Fistek appointed to Zoning Board of Adjustment. Sharps motioned to approve, Lamos seconded. All in favor.
- Select Board appointed David Toth for the position of Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) Town Commissioner. Sharps motioned to approve, Lamos seconded. All in favor.
- TA Smith read list of volunteer vacancies and said he will place an ad on the town website, with PBTV and in the paper.
- Chairman Newton signed Health Trust town employee group benefits renewal contract. It was noted that our forecasted rate increase by Health Trust had been reduced from 12.9% to 5.3%.
- LRPC Assessment Program: LRPC has asked Ashland to fill out an Underutilized Property Site Inventory/Nomination form for further LRPC grant funding to the Brownfields project at Ashland Properties – Scott Heath building. Phase II will determine what the next step needs

to be done for the browns field project. Selectman Lamos brought up Conservation Commission's involvement in this project. The Board decided TA should fill out and submit the form.

NEW BUSINESS

SEIU Local 1984 Collective Bargaining Agreement-Neil Smith presented contract which was then signed. Chairman Newton thanked Selectman Lamos for his work on the contract.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

- Discussion of letter from the Town of Bristol regarding NH Rep. Shackett's resignation from NH House. Bristol is against holding a special election since the state legislation ends in June. The Board agreed and TA Smith will reply to Bristol.
- Reorganization of Board postponed because Selectman Sivalingam not present and the Board would like to have all five members present. Sharps motioned that Chairman Newton serve as Interim Chairman. Selectman Casey seconded. All in favor. Regarding Planning Board meeting, TA Smith clarified that according to RSA 673:5, Selectman Sharps should serve for her remaining selectman term.
- Selectman Lamos, the liaison for the Conservation Commission announced that the Site Evaluation Committee would be meeting on April 6 at Dunkin Donuts at 10:40-10:50 AM and would then be going to Squam Crossing at Collins Street from 11:00 to 11:15 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kathleen Dewolfe, the Vice Chair of the Conservation Commission handed out the duties of the Conservation Commission established in RSA 36-A:2.
- Michelle Fistek, Professor at Plymouth State University offered the Town to get in touch with her regarding projects the students could assist with.

There being no other business, Selectman Sharps made **Motion to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 7:30 PM.** Selectman Lamos seconded. All in favor 4-0 **Roll Call Vote:** Lamos, yes; Sharps, yes, Barney, yes, Newton, yes. Board announced the approval of the step rate pay increases with the Fire Department.

Selectman Sharps made **Motion to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 7:40 PM.** Selectman Lamos seconded. All in favor 4-0 **Roll Call Vote:** Lamos, yes; Sharps, yes, Barney, yes, Newton, yes. Board announced to have the Office Manager position title revert to the original title in the CBA – Administrative Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Smith
April 6, 2017