

TOWN OF ASHLAND

**PUBLIC HEARING
“ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF A FIVE MEMBER BOARD OF SELECTMEN?”**

The Public Hearing was opened by Board of Selectmen Chairman Jeanette I. Stewart at 6PM as posted on January 25, 2012 at the Ashland Fire Station.

Nine residents spoke [Jane Felton, Joe Mazzone, Bobbi Hoerter, Fran Newton, Leigh Sharps, Sandra Coleman, Paul Branscombe, Jeanette Stewart, Glenn Dion] - pros and cons of a five member board were expressed - larger provides more visibility of members, larger promotes more opinions, smaller is sufficient for the size of the community, smaller board has been productive.

There being no further public input the public hearing was closed at 6:15 PM by Chairman Stewart.

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 25, 2012 - 6:30 PM**

Call to Order

Chairman Stewart called the work session to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call

Present - Jeanette I. Stewart, Glenn Dion

Absent with notice - Daniel Golden

Others present - TA Branscombe, Clerk Tucker, member of the public

Old Business

- Transportation Improvement Fund Warrant Article - *motion to remove this article from the 2012 warrant - Dion; second - Stewart - vote 2-0*
- Selectmen's Recommended Column in the Budget - *It was the consensus of the Board that the following corrections were agreed on by the BOS - Mutual Aid Dues \$18,039; Police Department Computer Maintenance \$14,520; Park and Recreation Beach Repairs - \$1,000*
- Article 8 - *consensus to add "to appoint Board of Selectmen as agents to expend" as recommended by Mitchell Group [town legal]*

New Business

Letter from Mrs. Griffin - *Board asked Mr. Branscombe to compose a response letter for Chairman Stewart to sign.*

Adjournment -

Motion to adjourn at 6:41 PM - Stewart; second - Dion; vote 2-0

