

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 2 2012

Call to Order

Chairman Stewart called the Ashland Board of Selectmen [Board] meeting to order at 7 PM.

Roll Call

Present - Philip Preston, Daniel Golden, Jeanette I. Stewart

Pledge of Allegiance

Disposition of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of March 19, 2012 with spelling correction and adding to page 2, line 46 "a letter will be sent to Linda Folsom". - Golden; second - Stewart; vote 3-0

Old Business

- Selectman Stewart stated that the personnel policy regarding seatbelts is that they do not have to be used during stop and go duties; Insurance will cover if not worn at the time of an accident; however the Labor Board says that seatbelts must be worn
- Selectman Stewart stated that employees without a CDL can drive the vehicle when riding with an employee with a CDL
- Following review and discussion regarding a request from Donald Lester to waive site plan review fees - ***Board consensus was not to waive fees.***
- Dumpster at beach has been cleaned up

New Business

TA Report

- Talking with TA Capone of Bristol regarding "Brownsfield" issues
- TAN monies received
- Charette meeting for officials on April 3
- Interview for HEAL grant on April 3
- Public Hearing for Master Plan Chapters on April 4
- Town Office closed [Pat and Pat out] on April 5
- Department Heads reviewing job descriptions for department personnel

- Board will be reviewing policies during work sessions
- Preparing to move to Primex insurance
- Operation Seek Shelter meeting on April 13 - 5PM at the Fire Station

Department Head Reports

- Police Department - Chief Randall
 - In house training
 - New radar unit for SUV installed
 - Mail Boxes being “robbed”
 - Incidents - 119
 - Drug Take Back program April 28, 2012 [10-2]
 - Ashland Police Association created
 - Keep cars locked
- Fire Department
 - Continued training
 - Monthly calls - 40
- Public Works Department - Tim Paquette
 - Continued road work
 - Upkeep
 - Grader is down - Holderness assisted; we helped them with street sweeper
 - PWD Paquette asked that department concerns go to him directly
 - Continued recycling activity as the Transfer/Recycling Center
- Parks and Recreation Jim Gleich
 - Last Kids Night out until fall
 - After School Program going well
 - Summer Camp Registration has started
 - Edward N. Doggett Campground will open May 1 - campground is full - campground and beach cleanup is scheduled for April 16-18
- Health and Welfare Director
 - 3 incidents this month [one resolved; two still open]
- Treasurer Report
 - Balance \$634,996.68
- Library Report - Sara Weinberg
 - Patron visits - 820
 - 100th anniversary of the Titanic with photo books on display
 - Closed April 16

Appointments - Boards and Commissions

Motion to appoint Stephen Heath Fire Warden - JS; second -DG; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Aaron Heath Dep Fire Warden -JS; second - DG; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Robert Bousquet Dep Fire Warden-JS; second-PP; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Jennifer Ogden, Jeanette I. Stewart; Stephen Felton, Paul Branscombe to the Capital Improvement Program Committee - PP; second - JS; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Frances Newton to 3 year term - Housing Standards Board - JS; second DG; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Robert Boyle to 2 year term - Zoning Board - JS; second - DG; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Ellison Badger to 3 year term - Zoning Board - JS; second - DG; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Philip Preston to 3 year term - Memorial Park Trustee - JS; second - DG; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Stacy Luke to 3 year term - Conservation Commission - JS; second PP; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Robert Boyle to 1 year term - Planning Board - JS; second PP; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Susan MacLeod to 3 year term - Planning Board - JS; second PP; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Jennifer Ogden to 2 year term - Planning Board - JS; second PP; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Elliott Dupuis to 2 year term - Scribner Trustee - JS; second PP; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Patricia Crowell to 3 year term - Joint Loss Management Committee - JS; second - PP; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Robert Hicks to 2 year term - Joint Loss Management Committee - JS; second - PP; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint George Chase to 1 year term - Joint Loss Management Committee - JS; second - PP; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Jeanette Stewart - ex officio to Joint Loss Management Committee - DG; second - PP; vote 3-0

Motion to appoint Philip Preston - alternate ex officio to Joint Loss Management Committee - DG; second - PP; vote 3-0

Public Comments

- Jane Felton thanked Sara for the Library Report
- Ann Lamson asked about the water treatment plant gate being locked - *advised to ask Water and Sewer Commissioners*
- Sherrie Downing - Quilt Drawing winner - Frank Stevens; planters are being built by students in 7th grade to be placed on bridge near Grist Mill - *Board consensus was to allow this project*
- Lee Nichols - chastised the Board for not following the "Settlement and Release Agreement" and involving participation of the commissioners in issues and threatened suit again if the agreement was not followed

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM - Stewart; second - Preston; vote 3-0

Taken at Patricia Tucker

