

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 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 approve minutes of April 2, 2012 with correction to Page 1 - Line 24 - Golden; second - Preston; vote 3-0 in favor

Motion to approve minutes of April 9, 2012 - Golden; second - Stewart; vote 2-0-1 (PP)

Old Business

- ***Motion to appoint Frances Newton as alternate to the Planning Board - Stewart; second - Golden; vote 3-0***
- Town Telephone System - TA Branscombe stated that this project has been put on hold because the Electric Commissioners complained that they were not involved [per Settlement Agreement]; further legal opinion is being obtained
- McCormick Energy Audit - will be working with the town in the near future

New Business - None

Town Administrator's Report

- Working with Lakes Region Community Service Council regarding leasing the Snack Shack at the beach
- Department Heads are reviewing job descriptions
- Structural Engineer still evaluating Fire Department roof
- No final decision has been made about housing After School Program at the cafeteria
- BOS stated that the beach would have one lifeguard
- Ogden Construction will be working on winterizing the Booster Club building
- Digital Photography and Line Dancing classes have been canceled; Knitting and Guitar lessons still being offered

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- Electric Superintendent told those attending the meeting that the pole transition project would be completed by this time next year
- Town is participating with Lakes Region Schools for #2 fuel
- Working on Wetlands Application to reclaim sand resting at the jetty
- Paving from Cross Road to West Street will be starting shortly
- “Operation Seek Shelter” will be taking place in June
- Senator Forrester will be holding an “Economic Development Round Table” in June here in Ashland
- Town was awarded the HEAL Grant
- Charette unveiling will take place soon
- Attended quarterly ambulance meeting in Plymouth
- There has been vandalism in the Transfer Station
- Shooting Range is now off limits to unauthorized personnel
- BOS meeting will have a change of venue to be announced

Select Board Items - none

Public Comments and Concerns

- Cheryl Thompson is working on a Farmer’s Market to be held from June to October [Saturday’s on LW Packard Field] - BOS consensus was to move forward
- Ingrid Heidenreich asked the Board to move the Work Session Meeting to another venue
- Sandra Coleman stated that the North Ashland resident asked about the pole project, got an answer and left; asked if there was any financial issues regarding a new telephone system; TA answered that an over all savings would be seen of about \$100 per month
- Leigh Sharps asked Chairman Stewart to explain her policy of “not discussing past issues” - Chairman Stewart stated that the Board would not discuss items that have been completed as they have many items on the agenda to work on
- Pat Tucker expressed concern about have only one lifeguard on duty; she felt that there should be 2 or none; discussion ensued; BOS decision stands

Board moved into non public at 7:35 PM

Taken by Patricia Tucker

Motion to enter non public per RSA 91:A3 II-d at 7:35 PM - Stewart; second - Preston; roll call vote - Golden-yes; Preston-yes; Stewart-yes

Others present TA Branscombe; Clerk Tucker

Motion to exit at 7:37 PM - Stewart; second - Golden; vote 3-0

Announcement - no action taken concerned party did not appear

Motion to enter non public per RSA 91: A 3 IIa at 7:38PM - Stewart; second - Preston; roll call vote - Golden-yes; Preston-yes; Stewart-yes

Others present - TA Branscombe; PW Director Timothy Paquette

Reviewed with Tim Paquette his performance evaluation for his probationary term.

Motion to increase Tim Paquette's salary to \$50,000 annually - Stewart; second- Golden; vote 3-0

Personal action form was completed

Motion to exit non public at 7:53 PM - Stewart; second - Golden; roll call vote - Golden-yes; Preston-yes; Stewart-yes

Announcement of action - the Board announced that Tim Paquette's salary would be increased to \$50,000 annually per his performance evaluation.

Returned to Regular Meeting for Adjournment at 7:54 PM.

From notes taken by Paul Branscombe