

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2012

Public Hearing – Issuance of Bonds

Chairman Stewart opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM as posted. She explained the loan and said that it would be advantageous for the Town to refinance in order to save money. Over the course of the note the Town would save about \$132,000. The principal is about one million fifty thousand dollars. The treasurer, Linda Guyotte, mentioned that the amount printed in the paper was wrong, so that it will have to be advertised again. The current loan is with USDA Rural Development and the new loan will be with NH Municipal Bond Bank and the interest rate will be about 3.2 percent. Since the original ad was wrong, no decisions can be made tonight. The new ad will be in the newspaper immediately and the public hearing will be scheduled for July 26, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Ashland School Library

Chairman Stewart motioned the public hearing closed at 6:40 PM. Dan Golden seconded. All in favor.

Call to Order

Chairman Stewart called the Ashland Board of Selectmen (Board) meeting to order at 6:41 PM immediately following the Public Hearing.

Roll Call

Present – Phil Preston, Daniel Golden, Jeanette Stewart

Pledge of Allegiance

Disposition of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of July 2, 2012- Preston; second Golden; vote 3-0

Motion to approve minutes of July 11, 2012 – Golden; second Stewart; vote 3-0

Manifests

Signed manifests for payroll and accounts payable for week of July 16, 2012.

Informational

Judy Wallick from Grafton is a candidate for State Representative in our district. She came to introduce herself and explain who she is and why she is running. She answered many questions from the public regarding economic development, help for veterans, right to bear arms, and milfoil.

Informational

Paul Weston and Patsy Kendall explained Transport Central and how Ashland could get involved. They are seeking volunteer drivers to transport seniors (anyone over 60 years old) and disabled persons to appointments and other essential services. There are 19 communities involved. Volunteers will be reimbursed 55.5 cents per mile.

Old Business

- a. Jail House Roof – The Ashland Historical Society has donated \$2000 to put a new roof on the old Jail House. Chairman Stewart motioned to have the Historical Society make the decision as to who will be doing the roof. Golden seconded. Preston abstained as he is a member of the Historical Society.
- b. Police Contracts – Chief Randall said that there are some towns in the area that do have contracts for new hires. He has requested a copy of Plymouth's contract and will share it with the Board when he receives it. He said that a three year contract is most popular.
- c. Beach – Jim Gleich explained that currently the lifeguards are there Tuesday thru Sunday. There have been several complaints regarding vandalism, littering, foul language, smoking, and drinking at the beach on Mondays and Tuesdays. He said that the guards are being harassed. It is not family friendly. Golden suggested

bringing back gatekeepers and more lifeguards. One of the lifeguards, Sandralee Henderson, said that she is working in a hostile environment. After some discussion, it was decided to change the schedule of the lifeguards. Preston motioned that the lifeguards will work Mondays and Wednesday thru Saturday. Stewart seconded. Vote 2-1

New Business – None

Town Administrator Report

Paul Branscombe thanked Ogden Construction for the great job that he has done at the Booster Club. He mentioned that Mrs. Obama will be visiting PSU on August 2, 2012. The next Board meeting will be August 6, 2012 not August 20 as stated in the Agenda for this meeting.

Select Board Items

- Preston motioned to go forward with the bond as talked about in the Public Hearing. Stewart seconded. Vote 3-0. The Public Hearing to address the change in the amount of the loan will be on July 26, 2012 at 6:30 PM here in the Library at the Elementary School.
- Signed Vendor Permit
- Signed Abatement. The Chairman explained the abatement and motioned to grant the abatement. Preston seconded. Vote 3-0
- Town Wide Yard Sale – The Chairman expressed the opinion that the Community Council should not pay for a special events vendor permit. Golden and Preston agreed.
- Town Administrator Branscombe asked the board about term limits for the CIP committee. Stewart is on the CIP committee and will bring the subject up at the first meeting on July 18, 2012.

Public Comments

- Ann Lamson said that the Got Lunch program was going great. She also mentioned that she went to the beach on Friday and the lifeguards didn't do anything.
- Cheryl Thompson said the condition of the beach is not user friendly.
- Jen Lyford defended the lifeguards and said that they are doing their jobs.
- Jane Felton said that she was there on a Tuesday and there were no issues.
- Sandra Coleman asked Stewart about the Union members paying some of their health insurance. Stewart explained that the committee is waiting for a new Union representative and the subject will be addressed at that time.

There being no further business, Stewart motioned to adjourn at 8:32 pm. Golden seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Crowell