

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2012**

Call to Order

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:34 am.

Members Present

Jeanette Stewart, Dan Golden, Phil Preston

Others Present

TA Paul Branscombe, PW Director Tim Paquette, Electric Department Superintendent Lee Nichols.

Business

- Signed manifests and documents in Selectmen's signature file.
- Chairman Stewart made a motion to ratify the amount of \$1,051,000.00 for the refinancing of the bond in connection with the River Street project as discussed at the public hearing on July 26th; seconded by Phil Preston; Vote 3-0 in favor-motion carries.
- Lee Nichols came to the meeting to inform the BOS that he has been instructed by his Commissioners from last night's meeting that they must have an answer from the BOS today regarding the Electric Department funding the radios for the PWD. Lee mentioned that if the Town does not switch over from Broadband to Narrowband by January 2013 the Town could receive heavy fines from the FCC. Board consensus was to get answers to many unanswered questions. The TA was to check the legality of the funding with LGC. The Board will respond to the Commissioners on August 20th.
- Tim Paquette informed the Board that the PWD found grey water coming from a culvert pipe at Cold Springs which was traced to a catch basin in the parking lot of their pool house. The sample will be taken for analysis to Concord and then the Supervisor at Cold Springs will be notified accordingly.
- The TA informed the Board that Linda Perry will be at the August 20th Selectmen's meeting when sealed bids for the Fire Department roof will be opened. She will explain the alternative proposals.
- The TA had written a memo to the Board regarding a resident complaint about #35 Highland Street. Bob Comeau has been served several

violations since 2008 which he has not complied with and therefore the Board feels it is time to tear the building down as it is a safety hazard. The TA will check with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the final citation.

- Tim Paquette mentioned that road bids would be opened by the Selectmen at the signing of the manifest on August 29th.
- Selectmen Preston asked for the Welfare criteria which the TA replied he would place in his mail folder.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:38 am- Stewart; second-Preston; vote 3-0 in favor.

Minutes taken by Paul Branscombe