

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 20, 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

Others Present - TA Branscombe, Clerk Pat Tucker, members of the public

Pledge of Allegiance

Approvals

***Motion to approve minutes of August 6, 2012 - Preston; second - Stewart; vote 3-0***

***Motion to approve minutes of August 15, 2012 with correction [add seconded by Phil Preston after "July 26<sup>th</sup>"] - Golden; second - Stewart; vote 3-0***

Signed manifests for payroll and accounts payable

Old Business

- a. Opening of Sealed Bids for Fire Department Roof - Base bid
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|------------------------------|-----------|
| ▪ Skyline Roofing Inc        | \$316,000 |
| ▪ The Melanson Co. Inc.      | \$265,000 |
| ▪ Joe Sanatamaria Const. LLC | \$ 90,000 |
| ▪ A.W. Therrien Co. Inc.     | \$189,000 |

***Action - Linda Perry of SFC Engineering will review the bids and report back to the Board on August 29 with recommendations***

- b. Electric Department - Funding of PWD Radios  
The Board discussed the legality of a loan coming from another department; reviewed legal opinion; the Board consensus was not to accept a loan from the Electric Department; they will sign a grant application if properly completed and hold a public hearing as necessary
- c. Signed letter to Premier of Quebec expressing the town's opposition to the Northern Pass project

- d. Ashland Police Department Contracts  
Board reviewed and discussed the options for a contract with police department hires

***Action - to be reviewed further***

- e. Signing of Loan Agreement for River Street Project  
***Motion to accept the Loan Agreement for the refinancing of the loan as respects to the River Street Project in the amount of \$952,000 for the period 2/15/13 to 8/15/30 and to allow this agreement to be signed by the chairman of the Board - Preston; second - Golden; vote 3-0***
- f. Jail House Roof - no decision has been made by the Historical Society about fixing the roof
- g. September 12 at 9 AM - meeting with representative from Primex to discuss insurance liability issues at the town beach

New Business

- Reviewed letter from Library Trustees regarding insurance on the building and the contents - ***action was to have TA set up a meeting with the respective Boards***

Town Administrator's Report

- Webinar with BMSI about webPWD program
- Sampling of water from Cold Spring area sent to DES
- 35 Highland Street property sent to Code Enforcement
- Certified Computer Solutions met with police and fire
- CIP meeting on August 29
- HEAL meetings on August 22 and August 30
- Economic Development meeting August 27

Select Board Items

- Discussed 35 Highland Street property; sent to Code Enforcement
- Paving Bids for Hicks Hill Road and upper Leavitt Hill will be opened on August 29 at the work session
- Meeting with Union still in progress of setting up
- Signed - Timber Tax - Stoney Lonesome Farm - \$311.61
- Signed - purchase orders

Public Comments

- Food for All 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 4
- Chief Randall informed the public that there had been a rash of vehicle break ins; reminding us to lock our vehicles
- Lee Nichols thanked the Fire Department for their assistance a the time of the outage
- Cheryl Thompson has raffled tickets for CADY
- Kendall L. Hughes asked if the work session could be televised
- Ingrid Heidenreich asked about welfare personnel

*Motion to enter non public per RSA 91-A:3, II c at 8:20 PM - Golden; second - Preston; roll call vote - Golden - yes; Preston - yes; Stewart - yes*

*Others present - Patricia Tucker and Paul Branscombe*

*Discussed tax payer payment options and if the Board would give Pat Tucker permission to be their designee in making a payment plan; consensus was to give Pat Tucker permission to move forward*

*Motion to exit non public at 8:40 PM - Stewart; second - Golden; vote 3-0*

Chairman Stewart announced that the Board had given Pat Tucker permission to make a payment plan with a taxpayer in regards to back taxes.

*Motion to adjourn at 8:41 PM - Stewart; second - Golden; vote 3-0 in favor*

*Taken by Patricia Tucker*