

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present - Philip Preston, Jeanette I. Stewart
Absent with notice - Daniel Golden

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Disposition of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of August 20, 2012 - Stewart; second - Preston; vote 2-0 in favor

Motion to approve minutes of August 29, 2012 - Stewart; second - Preston; vote 2-0 in favor

Signature File

- Signed payroll manifests
- Signed accounts payable manifest

Guests

- Deb Naro spoke on the CADY program
- State Rep Paul Simard spoke about being candidate for reelection
- State Rep Skip Reilly spoke about being candidate for reelection

Old Business

- Paving Bids - following discussion ***motion to award paving bid to GMI - Stewart; second - Preston - this second and motion was withdrawn for further discussion with PW Director Paquette - following this discussion - motion to award paving bid to GMI - Stewart; second - Preston; vote 2-0 in favor***
- Fire Department Roof - TA Branscombe announced that it was the recommendation of the engineer that the A.W. Therrien Co. Inc. be awarded the bid for the repair of the fire department roof. [\$189,000 plus deck removal of \$10,000]. Discussion followed as to what could be done to prolong the life of the roof until further funds could be obtained. ***Action - the Board gave TA Branscombe permission to work with the engineer and A.W. Therrien to see if a contract can be written that would be beneficial to both parties.***

- Fund Balance Policy - this was tabled until September 12, 2012
- Police Contracts - the Board discussed the three template options and it was the consensus that the template from Plymouth be instituted in Ashland

New Business

- The Board received a letter from a resident on North Ashland Road asking consideration to have lines painted for better visibility - ***Action was to review request at the September 12 meeting***
- Town Wide Yard Sale on September 15

Town Administrator's Report

- HEAL Steering Committee working on Physical Activity
- Capital Improvement Program Committee is holding meetings
- Economic Development Summit planning in progress
- Contractor from Higgenbotham Construction assessing front doors at the town hall
- Jim Gleich did work on the town phone system to get the voice mail to work
- The paving done by the state on Main Street has met with some disappointed members of the community.
- Electric Commissioners will now be starting their meetings at 6:30 PM.

Department Head Reports

The following department heads gave reports:

Library - Sara Weinberg

Treasurer - read by TA Branscombe

Park and Recreation - Jim Gleich

Public Works Department - Tim Paquette

Police Department - Chief Randall

Select Board Items

The Board signed off on the final phase of the Bond Bank refinancing.

Public Comments

- Town Clerk Pat Tucker gave quick overview of the Voter ID law
- Sandra Coleman expressed concerns about the painting of lines on town roads, the legality of moving funds from one department to another; questioned how the roads to be overlayed were determined
- Fran Newton asked what the town's liability would be if someone got injured do to the condition of the roads
- Dan Vaughn asked about Hazardous Waste Day - September 29 in Plymouth

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 PM - Stewart; second- Preston; vote 2-0

Taken by Patricia Tucker

