

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 12, 2012

Call to order

Chairman Stewart called Ashland Board of Selectmen [Board] meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Members Present

Daniel Golden, Jeanette I. Stewart, Philip Preston

Others Present

TA Branscombe, Clerk Tucker, members of the public

Signing of Manifests

Payroll and accounts payable manifests were signed

Guest

Rick Alpers and Phillip St. Cyr from Primex, our liability insurance carrier, were present to discuss liability issues regarding our “public shooting” and the town beach.

Public Shooting: It is the recommendation of Primex that we stop all public use of firearms; proper signage should be installed; the town does have an ordinance on record which should be enforced; they suggested that it be reviewed by town attorney with the assistance of the attorney at Primex. Town attorney will be contacted to have something written that would designate the area for police use only.

Beach: Primex coverage suggests that the town raft be removed as it causes unnecessary risks; Primex recommends two lifeguards for the beach and this will be reviewed during the budget process.

Old Business

- Fire Station Roof - the Board gave TA Branscombe permission to negotiate a contract with A.W. Therrian
- 35 Highland Street; Alex Ray Cedar Lane Property; Steps at 17-19 Main Street - discussion deferred until Bob Hicks was present
- BOS and Utility Commissioners Meeting - the Board choose not to meet with the Commissioners unless there is an agenda for the meeting
- Fund Balance Policy - the Board was give a draft Fund Balance Policy for review and possible adoption
- Bond Refinancing - the Board signed the final paperwork for the refinancing for the auditors file

- Main Street Paving - the Board discussed what steps could be taken to see if the State would treat the paving in Ashland as it had been done in the neighboring community of Holderness [paved from curb to curb]
Action - TA is to continue to seek resolution
- Correspondence from the Public - (1) citizen from Leavitt Hill asked if the lower end of that road would be paved; a letter will be written to him saying that this will not be done at this time;
(2) a letter will be written to Mr. Bishop letting him know that painting the center line on North Ashland Road will not be done

New Business

- Collins Street Bridge - discussion about the deficiencies brought forward by the State; barriers have been set to shift weight; a meeting with the Water and Sewer Commissioners will be held on September 17; there are no other available entrances to the WWTP or the recycling center; we will be receiving weight limits for the bridge from the State; further information will be obtain regarding a bailey bridge; rebuilding the bridge will be discussed
- Parks and Recreation Summer Camp Program - because of the loss of revenue for the past years this program will be reviewed during the budget discussed for 2013
- 2013 Budget Materials - books were given to the Board members; sections will be added as the TA reviews department head requests
- Work Sessions - will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM

Signature File

- Purchase Order for Road Paving Materials - TA Branscombe stated that he did not sign this PO; following Board discussion and a recommendation from PWD Paquette the Board agreed to forego the paving of roads to use the funds for the Collins Street Bridge project.

Motion to adjourn at 10:31 AM - Stewart; second - Golden; vote 3-0.