

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 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, Daniel Golden

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Disposition of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of September 17, 2012 - Preston; second - Golden; vote 3-0 in favor

Motion to approve minutes of September 26, 2012 with correction [remove Board wants Historical Society to look for further funding] replace with "board suggested that the Historical Society revisit the quote and consider buying the materials outright" - Preston; second - Stewart; vote 3-0

Old Business

Town Bidding Policy

Motion to amend current bidding policy by adding #5 to read "The bidding requirement may be waived by the Board of Selectmen upon its finding that an emergency exists which threatens public health, safety or welfare an which calls for immediate action that cannot be accomplished using the established bidding procedures" - Stewart; second - Golden; vote 3-0

Collins Street Bridge

Reviewed the two options presented by Arnold M. Graton Associates (1) Bailey bridge approach - total cost approximately \$214,000 and would be in place for ten years; (2) rebuilding of the bridge using the 1983 engineering specifications for \$149,000 to be done by Arnold M. Graton Associates.

Funding would be from the current town operating budget and funds from the Water and Sewer Department.

Motion to award the Collins Street Bridge reconstruction project to Arnold M. Graton Associates for \$149,000 - Stewart; second - Golden; vote 3-0

Primex Town Beach Recommendations

As recommend by our insurance carrier the raft has been removed and dismantled.

New Business

Reviewed letter from Library Trustees regarding insurance questions; Board will be attending the next Scribner Trustee meeting.

Town Administrator Report

- TA will sign contract with A.W. Therrien for the fire department roof for a total of \$198,050
- Will oversee insurance companies recommendations at the town beach - lifeguards, gates, access
- Toured Freudenberg facility with Senator Forrester, Ovide Lamontagne and Congressman Bass
- Time Warner Cable contract is due to be finalized in November
- Oct 20 - Wellness Fest at Ashland Schools 9-12
- Oct 25 - Economic Development Forum - Holderness Town Hall 8-10
- Oct 5 - Flu Shot clinic - Booster Club 9-12

Department Head Reports

- Library - Sara Weinberg
- Treasurer - read by TA Branscombe
- Park and Recreation - Jim Gleich
- Public Works Department - Tim Paquette
- Ashland Fire Department - read by TA Branscombe
- Ashland Police Department - Chief Randall

Select Board Items

Signed invoices for BMSI

Public Comments

Several comments about the Collins Street Bridge
Weight limit 80,000 lb; no impact on abutter land; funding for the bridge

Commissioner Kendall L. Hughes let us know that there are 1476 utility poles in Ashland

Motion to adjourn at 7:39 - Stewart; second- Preston; vote 3-0

Taken by Patricia Tucker