

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 15, 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 October 1, 2012 - Preston; second - Golden; vote 3-0***

***Motion to approve minutes of October 10, 2012 - Golden; second - Stewart; vote 3-0***

Manifests

The Board reviewed and signed payroll, accounts payable and welfare manifests.

Guest Speakers

- Peter Pettengill and Meg Kennedy-Dugan from Voices Against Violence explained their organization and thanked the Town for continued support.

Old Business

a. Collins Street Bridge - Chairman Stewart signed the Collins Street Bridge Construction Agreement on behalf of the Town of Ashland; further agreements will be signed by the Water and Sewer Commissioners and Arnold Graton.

b. Budget Meeting Dates - Board will meet Oct 22 and 24 at 8:30 AM.

c. 36 Sanborn Road - the Board agreed to meet [with the PWD] at this address to review the road situation

d. Voting Venue - Town Clerk Tucker explained that there is an alternative venue secured [Dupuis Cross Post #15 at 37 Main Street] in case the school gym floor is not completed as scheduled.

e. Employee Insurance Contribution - Chairman Stewart announced that the Board has suspended the 2.5% increase in employee contribution for the next budget year; non union full time employees will pay 5% towards their health insurance

New Business

TA Branscombe asked Board permission to institute a spending freeze until lifted by the Board; ***motion to institute a spending freeze until lifted by the Board - Stewart; second - Golden; vote 3-0***

Town Administrator Report - None

Select Board Items

- Signed invoice for SFC Engineering
- Signed Warrant for November 6, 2012 Election
- TA brought forward the Anne Abear nomination to CIP Committee; Board tabled until October 22 because they had not discussed the open position.

Public Comments

- Fran Newton - Health Fest to be held 10/20
- Carol Fucarile - where are funds to do bridge coming from; TA had identified accounts that have balances that can make up for the over expenditure of the road maintenance line and not go over the bottom line of the budget
- Ingrid Heidenreich - asked about union negotiations - told they are ongoing
- Sandra Coleman - spoke about her involvement with the issue at 36 Sanborn Road
- Jamie Lyford stated that there are Homeland Security Grants available; he will get information to Mr. Branscombe

***Motion to enter non public at 7:52 PM per RSA 91-A:3, II(c)- Stewart; second - Golden; vote Golden - yes; Preston - yes; Stewart - yes***

***Others present - TA Paul Branscombe***

***Discussed Electric Department sending customers to welfare.***

***Motion to exit non public at 8:09 PM - Stewart; second - Preston; vote 3-0***

Chairman announced that TA Branscombe will check with legal as it reflects to the Electric Department to stop sending customers to welfare.

Chairman Stewart declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.