

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 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 November 19, 2012 as written-Preston; second - Stewart; vote 3-0

Motion to approve minutes of November 28, 2012 as written -Preston; second- Golden; vote 3-0

Signing of Manifests

Manifest were reviewed and signed - Payroll \$42,008.57; Accounts Payable \$805,565.97; Welfare \$990.00

Old Business

Board signed invoice for final payment to A.M. Graton Associates for the Collins Street Bridge; as built plans have been filed and final inspection will be this week

New Business

- Signed appointment for Kathleen Maher to the Housing Standards Board
- Signed appointment for Gordon McCormack Jr to the Conservation Commission
- Reviewed proposed 2013 warrants articles - ***Motion to recommend the following money articles - Golden; second - Preston; vote 3-0***

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) to be deposited into the Town Clock Non Capital Reserve Fund established in 2011 for maintenance of the town owned clock.

This is a continuing fund for the purpose of town clock repair as necessary.

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To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement for \$152,000 for the purpose a lease purchase of a four wheel drive loader for the Public Works Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,420 for the first year payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

This piece of equipment is the large loader which is the work horse of the Public Works Department. The total cost includes a trade in allowance. This piece of equipment is used by the department year round including snow removal and large hauling jobs at the transfer station. This would replace the 1992 John Deere loader.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125, 000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve fund established March 2012.

This is would continue the contribution to this capital reserve fund for the purpose of saving for future road reconstruction.

- The Board set the date of February 2, 2013 at 1PM for the first session of the town meeting process.
- Following discussion it was the consensus of the Board that Collins Street be posted for 20 MPH limit and the Collins Street Bridge be posted for 5 MPH.

Town Administrator Report

- New website is up and running
- HEAL Steering Committee is formulating a forum to be held in January
- July 4 activities - parade on July 4 and fireworks on July 5
- Budget Committee holding Financial Forum on December 12
- 35 Highland Street building is still on ongoing issue with the town and the owner
- Christmas Night in Ashland - Dec 7

Department Head Reports

- Library - Sara Weinberg
- Treasurer - read by TA Branscombe
- Health Officer - Fran Newton
- Park and Recreation - Jim Gleich
- Public Works Department - Tim Paquette
- Police - Chief Randall

Select Board Items

- Signed Purchase Order for Interware Development
- Signed invoice for repairs to Engine #2

Public Comments and Concerns

- Mr. Hammare thanked Board for letter regarding work to be done on his property
- Ingrid Heidenreich commented on 35 Highland Street
- Mark Ober spoke regarding Smith Hill Road and the blocking of the culvert - ***TA was asked to review this situation***
- Cheryl Thompson expressed concerns about icy road conditions on dirt roads
- Sherry Downing let public know that the old wreaths are available if one wanted to make a donation

Chairman Stewart announced that future meeting will not include a “Public Comments and Concerns” section on the meeting agenda. Items of concern should be sent to the Town Administrator who will forward to the Board for acknowledgment at the next meeting.

Taken by Patricia Tucker

Motion to enter non public at 8:20 PM per RSA 91-A:3, II 9(c) - Stewart; second - Preston - Roll Call vote - Golden - yes; Preston - yes; Stewart - yes

Others present TA Paul Branscombe and Jim Gleich

Discussion regarding improving communications and programming at the Park and Recreation Department

Motion to exit on public at 9:11 PM - Preston; second - Golden; vote 3-0

Chairman Stewart announced that the results of the non public were that TA Branscombe and PR Director Gleich will work together on new programs and ideas and will involve the parents in these suggestions.

Motion to adjourn at 9:12 PM - Golden; second - Stewart; vote 3-0

Non Public minutes taken by Jeanette I. Stewart