

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY DECEMBER 5, 2011

Call to Order

Chairman Stewart called the Ashland Board of Selectmen (Board) meeting to order at 7PM.

Roll Call

Present - Members Daniel Golden, Glenn Dion, Jeanette I. Stewart

Others Presents

TA Paul Branscombe, Clerk Pat Tucker, members of the public

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance

Disposition of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of November 21, 2011 with spelling corrections - Stewart; second - Golden; vote 3-0

Old Business - None

New Business

Town Report dedication; board to give suggestions to TA Branscombe

Town Administrator Report

- Pemi Baker Community Access contract is being written
- Rates from the leasing company for the transfer station loader were discussed and Mr. Branscombe will talk with the banks regarding loan financing
- Christmas Night in Ashland was a success; Sherry Downing expressed thanks for all who helped
- Waiting to hear from Dan Mattaini of the Dam Bureau regarding Squam River
- Time Warner Ascertainment hearing will be held December 19
- Coalition for Action will sponsor the "Candidates Night"
- Plan NH will present results of Charrette some time in January
- Insurance quotes are being compiled and will be discussed with the BOS and the Commissioners
- We are still awaiting the River Street Bridge state funds
- New website still being revised

- Meeting with representative from LRCS regarding future expanded use of the Booster Club building
- Life Safety issues at the Booster Club are being finalized

Department Head Reports

- Fire Department - Chief Heath
 - Incidents in November - 29
 - Continued training activities
 - New door openers and photo sensors were installed on the four doors on the main apparatus floor
- Police Department - Chief Randall
 - Town Library was broken into - call if you have any knowledge
 - Received \$1000 grant from MVSb for crime scene camera; thanks go the MVSb and Jamie Lyford for writing the grant
 - Finished firearms qualifications
 - DEA will hold "Drug take back Program" in April 2012
- Public Works Department - Tim Paquette
 - Regular road work done
 - Hung Christmas wreaths
 - Increased activity in the recycling program
- Parks and Recreation - Jim Gleich
 - Programs - After School Program
 - Attended NH Alliance of Health, PE, Recreation and Dance Conference
 - Life Safety issues still being completed
 - Swim raft has been stored for the winter
 - Dec 10 - Parents Day Out Program being offered
- Health and Welfare - Bob Hicks
 - Three health related issues being investigated
 - Inspection done someone adopting a child
- Treasurer
 - 12/5/11 balance - \$1,246,850.07
 - 12/5/11 payables - \$412,982
 - 12/5/11 balance - \$833,868.07

Select Board Items

Chairman Stewart reported that Riveredge Marina held a Christmas Elf shopping activity

Other Business

Tax Collector Pat Tucker reported that Attorney Mitchell had no issues with the office assistant collecting taxes as long as the position was designated for that purpose; works generally under the collector's supervision; and is bonded for that purpose.

Mrs. Tucker asked the Board if that would be in agreement to appoint Anne Abear as the Deputy Tax Collector; it was the consensus of the Board to sign an appointment

Public Comments and Concerns

- Discussed USDA inspection of the town library
- Chief Randall reminded us to lock our vehicles
- Our assessing firm is doing inspections in the Owl Brook, Squam Lake and River Streets areas
- Community Watch Program - some residents would like to see start a program

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM - Stewart; second - Golden; vote 3-0

Taken by Patricia Tucker