

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
WORK SESSION - DECEMBER 12, 2011

Call to Order

Chairman Stewart called the Ashland Board of Selectmen [Board] work session meeting to order at 9 AM

Roll Call

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

Others Present - TA Branscombe, Clerk Tucker, PW Director Tim Paquette, members of the public

Old Business

- In regards to the warrant article concerning the transfer of town property - decision is being made as to whether he Edmund White will be having a survey completed
- River Street Bridge Inspection and Reimbursement - inspector will be in town the week of December 19; reimbursement will be in January 2012
- McCormick Facilities Management - will be meeting with the Board to discuss options regarding the energy audit
- Time Warner Ascertainment meeting - Dec 19 - Booster Club - 6PM
- Library Code Violations - meeting with trustees Monday December 12, 2011 to hear options - TA Branscombe and Selectman Dion will be attending
- pbCAM - letter of commitment from Plymouth Board of Selectmen regarding taping of BOS meetings is being written for review - ***consensus of the Board was to add \$2500 to BOS expenses to cover this service***
- Dr. Kenney - condition of Squam River still being reviewed with outside agencies
- Transfer Station Loader - discussed lease vs purchase option; lease only needs simple majority; purchase needs 3/5 majority; bank loan has lower interest rate - ***no final decision was made***
- Encumbrances - department heads will be meeting with finance on December 29 to review encumbrance options

New Business

- Reviewed workers compensation, property and liability insurance quotes
- Reviewed health insurance quotes from School Care - ***meeting will be set up for the Board and the Commissioners in early January with the representative***

- Transfer Station Attendant Applications - PWD Paquette reviewed fourteen applications; following interviews with four candidates he recommended to the Board to offer the positions to Richard Hutchinson and Douglas Ober. ***[Regarding Douglas Ober - the consensus of the Board was that all avenues had been exhausted before offering the position to Mr. Ober in regards to the Town of Ashland Employee Personnel Policy "Employment of Relatives" article]***

***Action - the Board signed the personal action hiring forms for Douglas Ober and Richard Hutchinson***

- Booster Club Winterization - ~~three~~ four estimates were reviewed; money is available in the Park and Recreation Budgets to encumber in order to complete this work in the spring of 2012; ***consensus of the Board was to accept Ogden Construction estimate for completion of the job***
- LRPC Brownsfield Advisory Committee - TA Branscombe will try to attend this meeting
- Matching Grants - following review ***it was the consensus of the Board to insert a line for "matching grants" in the General Government Building section of the budget and to suggest \$5000 be appropriated***

Select Board Items

- Signed appointment for Anne Abear as Deputy Tax Collector
- Signed appointment for Paul Branscombe as Alternate to the Planning Board
- Town Report dedication should be decided by Dec 31
- Petition Warrant articles due by January 10, 2012

Adjournment

***Motion to adjourn at 10:06 - Stewart; second - Dion; vote 3-0***

***Taken by Patricia Tucker***