ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2012
ASHLAND UTILITY OFFICE
6 COLLINS STREET
ASHLAND, NH
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bobbi Hoerter, Daniel Vaughn & Kendall L. Hughes

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Nichols, Linda Pack & Sandra Coleman

CALL TO ORDER: Kendall called the Meeting of the Ashland Electric Commission to order at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bobbi made a motion to approve as written, the minutes of June 12, 2012. Dan seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Bobbi made a motion to approve as written, the minutes of June 26, 2012. Dan seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: Lee advised the Commissioners that David Singer has sent the billing information to Abel Soft and we should receive a practice program sometime around the end of August. The AvCom hand-held readers will be programmed into our billing software by AvCom.

On Thursday July 26, 2012, Lee, Joe, Mel and Devin will go to pick up the new truck just purchased from CUES. They will all get instruction on operating the new vehicle.

NEW BUSINESS: A quote has been received from Ossipee Mountain Electronics for new radios, 6 Units, 3 Portables & one Repeater. Lee proposed that the Electric Department pay for all radios for the Electric Department and the Department of Public Works (Highway). Lee suggested
paying for DPW radios due to the fact that they have not been budgeted for in this year’s Town Budget. If the Electric Department pays for the radios the Commissioners want to be reimbursed out of next year’s budget no later than May 1, 2013. The Commissioners asked Lee to present this proposal to the Select board at their August 6, 2012 meeting.

Bobbi Hoerter made a motion to have Ossipee Mountain Electronics install the new radios & antenna per their quote dated July 20, 2012 at a cost of $26,885.00 Dan seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Dan made a motion to offer to pay the Department of Public Works (Highway) portion of the Ossipee Mountain Electronics quote dated July 20, 2012 in the amount of $18,745.00, with a stipulation to repay Ashland Electric Department in full by May 1, 2013. Bobbi seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Kendall talked to Lee about ordering wire for North Ashland Road and wanted to know about the tree trimming on North Ashland Road as well.

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:**

Discussion regarding department presentation at August 9th Budget Meeting. Alarm Company came in to check the alarm system because it keeps going off at various times. Need to get quote from TSI to test relays at the substation. Cell phones have been upgraded and the cost now should be about $150.00 per month. The Commissioners have agreed to pay half of the cost of Devin’s internet service and he will keep his own phone.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** None
ADJOURNMENT: Bobbi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 P.M. Kendall seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Pack
Executive Secretary
Ashland Electric Department