

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015
7 Smith Hill Rd. Fucarile Residence
6:00 PM**

MINUTES

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM with a roll call. Fran Newton, Norm DeWolfe, Leigh sharps and Phil Preston present.

Others Present: David & Carol Fucarile, Tim Paquette & George Chase (DPW)

The BOS met at the property to listen to the Fucarile's proposal regarding the long standing issue of the town culvert emptying on to their property.

Both Carol and David presented the Board with 1) Their wish to resolve this matter, and 2) Their proposal for the town to spend up to \$25,000. with proper sized pipes and catch basins to resolve the matter and provide for the long term proper drainage on the lower portion of Smith Hill Rd. They pleaded with the Board to do the right thing since there are Capital reserve funds for road improvement and also highway grant funds available to do this work.

Tim presented the long term position the town has taken and his acknowledgement that this will ultimately be resolved when Thompson St. is redone.

Norm asked if there were a less expensive way to at least provide temporary relief until such time as the work on Thompson St. was redone. Norm asked about installation of a diagonal culvert leading the water away from the Fucarile property and draining down the opposite side of Smith Hill. Tim felt that there was not sufficient space on that side with compromising the stone wall and slope. Norm asked about running the drainage down the Fucarile's side of Smith Hill. Tim felt this was more possible. He noted that the Fucarile's would have to pay for the culvert and the pavement replacement under their driveway. The Fucarile's were asked if they would be willing to pay for the culvert installation etc.

The Board stated that this would be further discussed at a future meeting .

Motion by Fran to adjourn at 6: 45, seconded by Norm. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted,

Norm DeWolfe
10-15-15