

**JOINT MEETING OF THE ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND
THE ASHLAND ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY APRIL 11, 2016
ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM
6:30 pm**

Members Present: Normand DeWolfe, Fran Newton, Steve Felton, Leigh Sharps, Harold Lamos.
Electric Commissioners: Sandra Coleman, David Fucarile, Dan Vaughn

Also Present: Lee Nichols, Heather Thibodeau, Pat Crowell

DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Article #16

The first concern that the Commissioners have is the Warrant Article #16 that was recently passed. It has to do with fees. They feel that the Selectmen could impose fees on the Electric Department and the Water & Sewer Department because they are revenue producing properties. DeWolfe said that the Selectmen had no intention of doing that. Mr. Nichols would like the Selectmen to come to an agreement. DeWolfe said that we either adopt the RSA or we don't. Will explore with legal.

Drug & Alcohol Testing

Nichols said that he has talked with Roy Roberts at LRGHealthcare. He said that due to budget cuts there needs to be 10 tests per quarter for them to come out. This would be accomplished by combining Ashland, Waste Management, and the Electric Co-op. The Selectmen will discuss further and check on what the cost difference would be.

Short Term Disability

The Personnel Policy mirrors the Union Contract but HealthTrust says that you have to wait 15 days, where the Union Contract says 6 days. DeWolfe said that until it is changed, the Town would be liable for the difference. Asked TA Thibodeau to request a letter from HealthTrust as to when the policy was changed.

Communications & Mail

The Electric Department would like a phone call when there is mail in their box. Nichols said that there should be a liaison that goes to the Selectmen meetings.

Solar

Nichols said that people thinking about going Solar should talk with him first because the town does not have net metering.

Electric Facilities Expansion

DeWolfe reminded Nichols that the Town owns 6 Collins Street. Nichols argued that the Electric and Water & Sewer Departments have invested quite a bit into the building. Nichols said that he needed a bigger building to house trucks and new vehicles. The building will be 40 X 60 and he passed out a map of where it will be on the property. Nichols said that the rate payers would be paying for the building. Thibodeau will check with legal.

Twice Yearly Joint Meeting

Nichols would like the Board of Selectmen and the Commissioners to meet twice a year.

Everyone agreed that having this joint meeting was a great idea.

There being no other business, **Newton moved to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II (a) at 8:00 PM.** Felton seconded. All in favor 5-0 **Roll Call Vote:** Lamos, yes; Sharps, yes; DeWolfe, yes; Felton, yes, Newton, yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Crowell

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