

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY May 16, 2016
ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
6:30 PM

Chairman DeWolfe called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a roll call. Steve Felton, Norm DeWolfe, Fran Newton, Harold Lamos, present. Leigh Sharps arrived shortly after roll call.

Others Present: Town administrator Heather Thibodeau and Pat Crowell

OLD BUSINESS

Patrick Mohan, from Melanson Heath explained the audit. Bottom line, we are doing well. Copies of the audit are available at the Town Office for anyone that might be interested. It will also be posted on the website.

Sandra Coleman, Ashland Electric Commissioner gave the Board a letter that summarizes the Commissioners response to the letter that was given to them last week. The letter that the Board gave them asked a few questions regarding the new building that they want to build. The building will be 40 X 80. When they originally asked about building, it was going to be 40 X 60. Several questions regarding electricity in and around the building. The building will hold five vehicles. No heat. There is concern that any snow will land on the salt shed. What is the site plan relative to other structures. Some questions Sandra couldn't answer and she will get back to the board by Friday. The Board said that there should be a Public Hearing will be the Planning Board and the abutter list will be the responsibility of the Electric Department.

Building Inspector Update –Thibodeau said that she and Norman DeWolfe met with Alan Cote on Friday. He would be able to start immediately for \$25 an hour. Lamos motioned to hire Alan Cote. Newton seconded. All in favor.

Snowflake over entrance at the Town Office – The snowflake will signify the year without a summer and the 100th anniversary of that. Newton moved to have the snowflake hung. Lamos seconded. All in favor. Sharps said that there should be something in the paper and an information sheet telling what it signifies.

NEW BUSINESS

L-Chip grant letter needs to be sent by Friday, May 20 for a town hall assessment.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Heather Thibodeau read the highlights of the department head reports. There are currently 30 kids in the after school program. Swim lessons will be offered this summer. Newton asked if the gaps in the wall had been fixed. Paquette will check on that. DeWolfe asked what the value of the sand was that was donated by Jeremy Hiltz. Ann Barney will be sending a thank you letter to Hiltz for the sand.

Public Works (Transfer Station Attendant) Position – Henry Shinn will start on Friday. The Board said that the transfer station looks great and that Laura Lamson is doing a great job.

Public Works Equipment Laborer Position – Paquette requested that he post the equipment/Laborer position and not the Foreman's position. He said that he would rather promote from within for the Foreman's job. The Board said that would be OK.

Citizen Inquiry form – Fred Salvoni of Owl Brook Road said that the rocks that are put down during mud season are too big. Paquette explained that the town has always used that size rock. Thibodeau will send letter to Salvoni explaining. Issue will be put on the Current Issue Log.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

Nobis met with contractors this morning. Lamos went to the meeting. The issue was drainage issues on Smith Hill Road.

The Chairman asked that the Board come into the town office on Wednesday to sign the tax warrant. He also mentioned the committees that needed either members of alternates.

The Chairman said that the AARA will sponsor Music in the Park this year. Memorial Park still has some construction issues but will be cleared up soon.

The Chairman said that the Water & Sewer Department will be flushing hydrants this week.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Newton moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Sharps seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Crowell
5-19-16