

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**MONDAY July 18, 2016**  
**ASHLAND FIRE STATION**  
**6:30 PM**

Vice-Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a roll call. Steve Felton, Fran Newton, Harold Lamos, Leigh Sharps, present.

Others Present: Pat Crowell

Tony Guinta from NOBIS Engineering and Andrew Keller from NH Solar Gardens explained community based solar power. Solar rebates have been extended. The time frame to be up and running with solar power would be about twelve months depending on the winter weather. The Board would like to set up a meeting with the Electric Department to discuss solar energy.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Town Administrator search update** – The Board will have second interviews Wednesday. Thibodeau will be coming in possibly two days a week to help.

**Meeting with Heritage Commission & Historical Society** – Felton updated the Board on what had transpired at the meeting.

**HR Director update** – The Board realizes that a full-time person is not needed. Felton has been talking with people at LGC for their help in hiring someone.

**Border to Border Walk** – Newton told the Board that she and her husband, Dave, will host Wendy Thomas and her son, while they are in Ashland on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Wendy and her son are walking from Canada to Nashua, NH to raise awareness for Lyme disease.

**Tap Grant** – There will be an informational meeting in Lincoln on July 28 from 10-12 and another on August 10<sup>th</sup> in Meredith. Newton asked that Paquette attend one of the meetings.

**Solar Light on Flag Pole** – Need to arrange meeting with the Electric Department.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**New Permit Applications** – New Building Permit applications have been prepared. The Board will turn those over to the Planning Board for their recommendations.

**Transfer Station Fees** – Needs Public Hearing – turn over to the Planning Board.

**DPW Radios** – Tim Paquette spoke. He has needed radios since 2012. He currently has radios that were the Fire Department's old ones. He needs ten, but only has enough money in his budget for six. He will be re-using the antennas. He will also save money and have the mechanic install the radios. The Board signed his purchase order.

**River Street** – Paquette asked the Board if he can still shim and overlay River Street. He asked because the money in the budget line has been used to pay NOBIS Engineering for Thompson Street/Smith Hill Road. The Board said that they will bring it up at the next meeting.

**Welfare Status Reports** – The Board would like monthly reports from the Welfare Director that have the number of applications received and if any were assisted.

## **SIGNATURE FILE**

The Board signed the new hire for the Police Department, an Intent to Cut, and a Special Events Application for a wedding in Memorial Park.

The Board also signed the Payroll and Accounts Payable Manifests.

## **SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

**ATAC** – Recommendations were given to the Board and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**CCS** – Mike LaVallee from Certified Computer Solutions said that the computers in the town office should be upgraded to the newest version of Office. It costs \$99 per computer and \$99 per year per computer. The Board agreed to have CCS do it.

**Budget Committee** – Who will represent the town in lieu of the Town Administrator at the meeting? Will speak with Thibodeau tomorrow for some suggestions.

**Union Negotiations** – Felton said that the Union meeting will be rescheduled.

**Second Vice-Chair** – Sharps moved to appoint Steve Felton as second vice-chairman. Newton seconded. All in favor.

Paquette mentioned that the rumble strips at the beach were vandalized. He will work with Ann Barney to get new ones.

Newton asked about the sign at the old Cumberland Farms store. It is temporary. They need to go to the Planning Board. Chief Randall said that the “Open” sign that flashes is not allowed. Newton will make the Planning Board aware.

**Sharps moved to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II (a) at 7:32 PM.** Newton seconded. All in favor 5-0 **Roll Call Vote:** Lamos, yes; Sharps, yes; Felton, yes, Newton, yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Crowell  
7-20-16