

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017
ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – LIBRARY- 5:30 PM**

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm with a roll call. Fran Newton, Steve Felton, Leigh Sharps, Harold Lamos, Katie Maher, present.

Others Present: Town Administrator Charles Smith and Administrative Assistant Pat Crowell.

APPROVALS

Fire Chief Heath asked the Board to approve his request to use the DPW loader to push the snow so that there will be ample room for parking. He said that the department will be training at 99 Winona Road and doing a controlled burn at the end of May.

Police Chief Randall submitted a "Personal Action Form" for the Board to sign. He explained that he would like to hire a part-time patrol officer on an as needed basis. The person currently works in Plymouth full time. Lamos moved to approve the hiring. Sharps seconded. All in favor.

SIGNATURE FILE

The Board signed two elderly exemptions, an elderly deferral, and two veteran's credits. They also signed the manifests.

OLD BUSINESS

Project List – TA Smith went through the items on the list. Cyberfern will give a final report March 8th in regards to GIS mapping. The Building Inspector sent a letter to the Board regarding new building fees. He would like to raise most of them. The Board would like to see a list of permits. Tim Paquette will be the contact person regarding the culvert inventory being done by the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Regarding the Fourth of July Committee, TA Smith said that Glen Dion has talked with Primex representative Rick Alpers. The committee wants to be covered under the town's insurance.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

The Chairman read a letter from Lakes Region Planning Commission.

The Board would like the Department Head Reports read at the meetings. This will start in March.

Sand is still available at the DPW garage. The roof of the shed at the Transfer Station, that used to contain sand, has collapsed.

Newton moved to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II (a) at 6:09 pm. Sharps seconded. All in favor
5-0 **Roll Call Vote:** Sharps, yes; Felton, yes; Newton, yes; Mayer, yes; Lamos, yes

Petition Warrant Article 35 – Tax Cap

Chairman Newton opened the Public Hearing at 6:31pm.

The Chairman explained the Warrant Article and said that the Board does not recommend.

Tejasinha Sivalingam said he is concerned that if the article passes that if an emergency arose, the town would not be able to handle it properly. David Ruell said that it doesn't match inflation. John McLean agrees with the Board.

Hearing no other comments, the Chairman closed the meeting at 6:42pm.

There being no other business, **Felton moved to adjourn. Sharps seconded. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Crowell
2-23-17