

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 19, 2012

Call to Order

Chairman Stewart called the Ashland Board of Selectmen [Board] meeting to order at 7 PM.

Roll Call

Present - Philip Preston, Daniel Golden, Jeanette I. Stewart

Pledge of Allegiance

Reorganization of Board

*Motion to appoint Jeanette Stewart as chairman - Golden; second - Preston; vote 3-0*

*Motion to appoint Daniel Golden as vice chairman - Preston; second - Stewart; vote 3-0*

*Motion to appoint Philip Preston as Board liaison to the Budget Committee - Golden; second - Stewart; vote 3-0*  
*Daniel Golden to be alternate*

*Motion to appoint Jeanette Stewart as Board liaison to the Planning Board - Golden; second - Stewart; vote 3-0*  
*Daniel Golden to be alternate*

Disposition of Minutes

*Motion to approve minutes of March 5 with the following correction [page 2, line 8 - add "by Town Administrator and Selectman Stewart] - Stewart; second - Golden; vote 2-0-1 [PP]*

*Minutes of March 12, 2012 were filed as written*

Old Business

- Fire Department Roof - following discussion of the SFC engineering report - action was to have TA meet with engineer to get input as to how best to expend the \$50,000 that was approved on March 13, 2012
- Northern Lakes Veterinary Hospital - noisy dogs and unauthorized kenneling is the issue - upon recommendation of the attorney the Board directed the TA to send a letter to Dr. Lester requiring him to have a site plan submitted in time for the May Planning Board meeting
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- Campground Dumpster - following discussion regarding the misuse of the dumpster - ***consensus of the Board was to have PWD pick up excess trash as needed, contract for Waste Management will not be renewed at the end of the contract***
- Time Warner Cable - consortium is still meeting, Ashland has been given contract extension until August - ***consensus of the Board was to have TA bring back to the table that Ashland will not agree to a contract for any more than 5 years***

#### New Business

- Town Telephone System - The approved budget included replacement of the hardware for the phone system through Bayring - ***Action - TA given permission to move forward with this project***
- Operation Seek Shelter - TA reported that this is another exercise to be run through out EOC. Date and time to be determined
- Lakes Region Community Services Council - town received a request to pursue the option of having the council run the beach concession stand - ***action to have TA invite Laurie Vachon to the next work session to discuss further***

#### Town Administrator Report

- Awaiting results of the HEAL Grant Application
- Charrette will be presented to stakeholders, BOS and business representatives from the state on April 3
- Health Insurance rate increase is 2.4%
- Primex representative Rick Alpers will be meeting with the department heads on March 22
- Our assessing firm Commerford, Neider and Perkins is in town visiting properties; personnel have picture ID's on them
- Rabies Clinic - March 31 - 9-12:30 at the Fire Station - \$10.50

#### Select Board Items

- Abatement Request - Frederick and Christina Weissbrod - ***Motion to accept CNP recommendation of adjusted value of \$246,600 - Stewart; second - Golden; vote 3-0***
- Abatement Request - Stephen Orlich - ***Motion to accept CNP recommendation of adjusted value of \$111,150- Stewart; second - Golden; vote 3-0***

#### Public Comments

- Town Clerk/Tax Collector Patricia Tucker expressed her thanks to all those who worked the polls on March 13 in the absence of some of the election officials; also the Food for All program was thanked for the meals provided at all elections and a letter would be sent to Linda Folsom

- Ingrid Heidenreich - asked Selectmen Preston to expound on his goals
- David Toth - asked for more details on the engineering report for the fire department roof
- Jamie Lyford - asked about USDA grants for the roof project
- Jamie Lyford - asked about the cost of obtaining a CDL license
- Cheryl Thompson - expressed interest in the welfare director job
- Tabitha Nieves - asked if there any other cable franchise options
- Sandra Coleman - questioned George Chase operating a truck
- Ingrid Heidenreich - asked if there is a penalty for not using seatbelts per policy

***Motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM - Stewart; second - Golden; vote 3-0***

***Taken by Patricia Tucker***