

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 2012

Call to Order

Chairman Stewart called the work session to order at 8:30 AM.

Present

Daniel Golden, Philip Preston, Jeanette I. Stewart

Others present

TA Branscombe, Clerk Tucker, PW Director Paquette, members of the public

Signatures

Signed Payroll manifest
Signed Accounts Payable
Signed 2011 Pole Tax Abatement denial

Old Business

- Opened Paving Bids – Hicks Hill Road and Upper Leavitt Hill [grinding]

GMI paving -	Hicks Hill Road	\$55,276.20
	Leavitt Hill	\$2400
R&D Paving	Hicks Hill Road	\$67,000 approx
Byrant Paving	Hicks Hill Road	\$50,116
	Leavitt Hill	\$2400

Board discussed the bids with PW Director Paquette, final decision will be made on September 4, 2012

- Police Contracts
Board will make final decision on September 4, 2012
- Fire Station Roof – SFC engineering report was given to the BOS and will be reviewed by the Board for discussion and ***decision on September 4, 2012***
- Fund Balance Policy – discussed recommendation from finance; ***will review and follow up with decision on September 4, 2012***
- Circle Triathlon – Barry Gaw was present to give update on the September 2, 2012 event; working with the Police and Fire Department; Mr. Gaw will discuss with Chief Randall the possibility of closing River Street from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM on 9/2/12

Consensus of the Board to allow the event to go forward

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- TA Branscombe reviewed his meeting with the Electric Commissioners on 8/28/12; the Board was asked if they would meet with the commissioners for a round table discussion; ***Consensus of the Board was not to meet unless an agenda with topics to be discussed was given***
- Town Hall Telephones – the Board was informed that the voice mail part of our system is not working; ***suggested that we look into an answering machine for the police department phones.***
- Selectman Stewart received a copy of a letter from DOT to Lee Nichols regarding the street lights at Exit 24; we are to find out if the bulbs are being removed or the poles
- Selectman Golden would like a letter written to Councilman Ray Burton expressing our disappointment in the paving of our Main Street as other neighboring towns were paved curb to curb and the stretch Ashland was not.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 AM– Stewart; second – Golden; vote 3-0

Taken by Patricia Tucker