

ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

**January 14, 2014
6 Collins Street
ASHLAND, NH
7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kendall L. Hughes, Bobbi Hoerter and Daniel Vaughn

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Nichols, Linda Pack and Normand DeWolfe

CALL TO ORDER: Kendall L. Hughes called the Meeting of the Ashland Electric Commission to order at 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES: Dan made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2013 as presented. Bobbi seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: Lee advised the Commissioners that Devin Anderson has returned from Afghanistan and his phone and uniforms has been reinstated. Deepest thanks from everyone for his service to our country and we look forward to welcoming him home to Ashland very soon.

Lee reported that the Leavitt Hill subdivision is on hold for now until spring, the North Ashland Road Accident Claim has been settled and he has not heard from Ossipee Mountain Electronics regarding the radios yet.

Normand DeWolfe stated that the gentleman who requested a Street Light on River Street was very pleased that the Light was up and makes walking in that area much safer.

Kendall requested an update on the new billing program and was told the address issues are being worked on at the present time and should be completed shortly. The address in Electric must match exactly the address in the Water/Sewer program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lee advised the Commissioners that James World of Northwoods Renewables has received a grant of \$125,000. to put in a larger generator at the Mill Pond Hydroelectric.

Commissioners and Superintendent discussed the new Full Time Electric Clerk , Part Time Water/Sewer Clerk and Full Time Lineman Chief positions and the acceptance by the Union of the Wage Rates.

The Superintendent passed out the response received from Paul Branscombe and the Town Attorney Walter Mitchell regarding a Petitioned Warrant Article.

The Petitioned Warrant Article regarding the Squam River Hydro Dam was discussed and the very high cost to the rate payers of Ashland to continue to keep the Dam. This Dam has not produced any electricity for the past ten years and the cost to replace the generators would not be affordable.

Lee stated that the Leavitt Hill expenses have been spent against the Budget, but North Ashland Road expenses were paid from Capital Reserve Funds. Leavitt Hill expenses all will be billed out.

Payroll & Accounts Payable Manifest Signed

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

Dan made a motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:45 P.M. according to RSA 91-A:3 II(a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee etc... Bobbi seconded the motion. Vote: Dan - yes, Kendall - yes and Bobbi - yes.

Dan made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 9:20 P.M. Bobbi seconded the motion. Vote: Bobbi - yes, Dan - yes & Kendall - yes.

Bobbi made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. Kendall seconded the motion. Vote: Kendall - yes, Dan - yes & Bobbi - yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bobbi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M. Dan seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

**Linda A. Pack
Ashland Electric Department**