

## ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2015  
6 Collins Street  
ASHLAND, NH  
7:00 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Daniel Vaughn & Sandra Coleman  
Kendall L. Hughes (Excused Absence)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lee Nichols, Linda Pack & Normand DeWolfe (BOS Representative)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Sandra Coleman called the Meeting of the Ashland Electric Commission to order at 7:00 P.M.

**MINUTES:** Dan made a motion to table the Minutes of July 14, 2015 as presented. Sandra seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Lee asked the Commissioners if they had any questions regarding the Proposed Budget Figures for 2016. Several questions arose regarding amounts budgeted. Lee stressed that he wanted to level fund the Budget this year.

Sandra Coleman made a motion to increase the Commissioner Salaries to \$1500.00 for the Chair and \$1200.00 each for Commissioners. Dan seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Dan made a motion to approve the proposed Budget with the addition of \$500.00 to the Commissioner Salaries & Expenses Line. Sandra seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion ensued regarding the use by Emergency Management of the Electric Department Mobile Generator. The Commissioners were not ready to give an answer at this time and would have an answer by the next meeting.

The power outage of approximately 5 hours, which occurred on Monday night July 27, 2015 was discussed and Lee has contacted

Eversource. The cause seems to have been a tree down on the Eversource Lines on Straights Road.

Normand DeWolfe and Sandra Coleman brought up that some tree trimming needs to be done on North Ashland Road. Lee is aware of this and will schedule the trimming as soon as possible.

Normand also wanted to make the Electric Department aware of a very invasive plant called Japanese Knot Weed (a Bamboo type plant). This plant if cut down improperly will spread very fast. The proper treatment for this is to cut the plant in June then spray with a 5% concentrate solution of Roundup.

Payroll & Accounts Payable Manifest Signed.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sandra Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Dan Vaughn seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Linda A. Pack  
Ashland Electric Department