

ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

**September 23, 2015
6 Collins Street
ASHLAND, NH
7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Vaughn, Sandra Coleman & David Fucarile

OTHERS PRESENT: Lee Nichols, Linda Pack & Normand DeWolfe

CALL TO ORDER: Sandra Coleman called the Meeting of the Ashland Electric Commission to order at 7:03 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES: Dan Vaughn made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 25, 2015 as presented. David seconded the motion. Sandra Coleman made a statement during discussion that she wanted to **add to the record.** *At the last meeting with Mr. Reese, she did inform him during a phone call with him previously that he needed an Electrical Permit before any work could be done.* Dan Vaughn - yes, Sandra Coleman - yes & David Fucarile - yes.

OLD BUSINESS: The job for Mr. Reese has been completed and has been energized. Sandra noted that she received another call from Mr. Reese.

A thank you note was received from Toni Hughes for the basket sent to the family.

Lee advised the Commissioners that the Flagpole for the Ballpark will be coming in on Friday and the Flag has been received. It was stated by Mike Lewis at the Selectmen's Meeting according to Mr. Dewolfe, that Mr. Lewis wished to pay for the American Flag to go on the Flagpole. This was very generous of him.

The "Meet & Greet" went very well according to Lee. Much discussion regarding ideas to attract new business and residents to Ashland. Whitten Woods Project, Music Festivals and extended sewer lines were all ideas being discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lee sent the two Linemen, Dale and Devin to Ashland Elementary School for an egg drop experiment program using the Bucket Truck. Students invented ways to keep the eggs from breaking when the Linemen dropped the eggs from 40 feet. The inventions to keep them from breaking were very interesting and fun.

Lee also reported an outage on Owl Brook Road. A dead end insulator blew causing a power outage.

Lee sent a letter to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board regarding tree trimming on the Scenic Roads in Ashland.

Lee feels that magnetic signs on the side panels of the trucks stating (CAUTION - HARD HAT AREA) would be a good idea for safety reasons and asked the Commissioners their feelings. He will ask Ms. Demers for pricing and report back to the Board.

A material list for new electric services would be a good idea that Lee would like to implement as soon as possible.

October 26, 2015 Devin and Dale will attend a one day seminar on Substation Apparatus Workshop in Littleton, MA. This is a free seminar.

The Chipper drive needs to be repaired. The Chipper is 12 years old and Lee is waiting to find out what parts are needed and how much the repair will cost. Lee also advised the Commissioners that the auger on the Digger Truck was bent and CUES estimate to repair is approximately \$4500 dollars.

David Fucarile proposed to have the Commissioners salaries applied to their electric account instead of receiving a check. Linda Pack advised against this due to the bookkeeping issues. She will check with Mr. Harding, the Electric Department Auditor, to get his views and report back to the Board.

Payroll & Accounts Payable Manifest Signed.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Sandra Coleman made a motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:27 P.M. according to 91-A:3II(a) Compensation. Dan Vaughn seconded the motion. Vote: Sandra Coleman - yes, Dan Vaughn - yes and David Fucarile - yes.

Sandra brought up the on call pay discussed at the last meeting. She checked with the Police Department and asked Mr. Randall what the policy is with the Police Department. He informed her that on call pay for the Police Department is \$4.00/hour. Using that figure she worked out a schedule for the Electric Department and the expense would be approximately \$26,000.00 per year for both Lineman. After much discussion the consensus was that a more realistic figure would be similar to the Fire Department amount of \$20.00 per day. David made a motion to pay on call pay at the rate of \$20.00 per day effective October 4, 2015. Dan seconded the motion. Vote: David - yes, Dan - yes and Sandra - yes.

David Fucarile made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 9:25 P.M. Dan Vaughn seconded the motion. Sandra Coleman - yes, Dan Vaughn - yes & David Fucarile - yes.

Sandra Coleman made a motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:27 P.M. according to 91A:3II(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of property. David Fucarile seconded the motion. Sandra - yes, David - yes and Dan - yes.

Sandra Coleman made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 9:50 P.M. David Fucarile seconded the motion. Sandra - yes, David - yes and Dan - yes.

Sandra Coleman made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. Dan Vaughn seconded the motion. Vote Dan - yes, David - yes & Sandra - yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

David Fucarile made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 PM. Dan Vaughn seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Linda A. Pack
Ashland Electric Department