

## Ashfield Select Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Jan 25, 2012

Present: Select Board- Norman Russell (NR), Doug Field (DF), Paullette Leukhardt (PL)

Interim Executive Administrator: Mary Fitz-Gibbon

Meeting Opened 7:01pm

### **Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded to move the minutes to the end of agenda.

### **Appointments:**

Brian Clark/Green Committee presented the Green Communities' grant application and contracts.

Lighting retrofits: For 3 of the 4 buildings considered, including Town Hall and The Fire Dept. Library not included as the payback period was too long. The lighting retrofit contract quotes are good until Feb 02, 2012.

Brian Clark estimated energy credits of \$13,000. Mary Quigley thought this was reasonable, but noted that the quotes are presented menu-style so that some elements may be removed if necessary. Brian Clark anticipates hearing back from the State in one or two months; the projects could be started in the spring.

### **Waste Water treatment Plant:**

Discussion: The second greenhouse has to be kept at 38 degrees which requires heating the large glass structure resulting in an ongoing, significant expense.

The Sewer Commission has voted to spend \$4,950 to study solutions. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will have to approve any proposed change.

### **Town PV feasibility study:**

Brian Clark, Green Committee: L&W Consultants no longer advising on the project. – We will get bids if/when the PV feasibility study is completed. Discussing with Greenfield Bio-Energy Plant - PPA Solar is community-owned.

**Vote:** Motion to approve grant application as presented today by the Green Committee and Conservation Commission, seconded, passes.

### **Green Committee (GC):**

Brian Clark reports that the GC is going to run out of Green Community Grant money. The GC would like to see some of the savings go into a special fund to pay for future projects. SB Chair Norm Russell to sign lighting contracts between meetings.

The SB thanked the Green Committee for all the work they have done and continue to do.

### **Old Business:**

Alan Rice from the Planning Board was appointed to the Scenic Byways Committee. Three members are needed – two will be appointed next week

**Vote:** Motion to appoint Alan Rice to the Scenic Byways Committee, seconded, passes.

### **Building Committee air quality sub-committee**

Appointments to the sub-committee: Lynn Kline, Jamie Eckley

**Vote:** Motion to appoint Lynn Kline and Jamie Eckley to the air-quality sub-committee of the Building Committee. Motion seconded; passes.

### **Fire Truck Committee Authorization:**

Leukhardt reported that the AFD did not get the grant to replace the “workhorse”, the Department’s 30-year-old fire truck.

Field informs that the Town has requested information on why Ashfield did not get the grant money.

The truck in question is in bad shape; it needs a new clutch, the power steering is going and the body is rusting.

Field says the Fire Truck Committee will get bids on a replacement truck so the issue can be presented to a Town meeting vote. He describes the truck as the workhorse for Ashfield, going to every incident. It is likely the truck will not last another year.

Leukhardt adds that the truck is in the shop for repair often; at such times it is not available at all.

Del Haskins, Fire Chief says that so far, everybody in Franklin County has been denied. Field says that only three departments in New England received grants.

### **Boiler Room Vent & Fan**

Email received from Stuart Harris regarding work that needs to be done on the boiler room vent and fan to properly ventilate the area.

### **February Special Town Meeting (STM)**

The Board reviews the preliminary article list for the STM scheduled for February.

### **Liaison Reports**

Leukhardt asks if the Emergency Management Director (EMD) stipend has been put back into the budget.

Field reports that \$300 has been put back into the FY13 budget for EMD.

Leukhardt says she sees a need to clarify that Ann Dunne (Town Clerk) and Mary Fitz-Gibbon (Interim Executive Administrator) are not on salary. Town Clerk and Interim Executive Administrator positions are not authorized to work overtime.

Field reports that Jenn Morse has started working at the Highway today as a temporary assistant to help with the significant MEMA/FEMA storm reimbursement paperwork.

Repairs of damage resulting from Hurricane Irene:

\$68,000 will come from FEMA for repairs to Spruce Corner Road and Pleasant Street.

### **Mail:**

FCCIP (Building Inspector Program) letter advising date of next meeting.

Hilltown Resources – Transfer Station and Recycling information.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:18pm