

approved 1/5/12

Select Board meeting minutes  
December 14, 2011

Present: Select Board members Doug Field and Paulette Leukhardt

Doug Field called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

Pole Hearing

Two pole hearings were held, one for John Ford Road and one for Ranney Corner Road. There were no concerns raised by notified abutters. The Highway Superintendent approved the pole placements prior to the meeting.

John Ford Road: Motion made, seconded and passed to approve pole placement.

Ranney Corner Road: Motion made, seconded and passed to approve pole placement.

The regular business of the Select Board meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes for 12/7/12 meeting approved as is.

Appointments

Duncan Colter, Board of Health  
(Postponed to 8 pm.)

Old Business

Spillway Repair:

Doug Field gave an update on the Lake spillway sink-hole at 245 Main Street. Doug had a meeting with all involved parties to discuss and plan immediate repair options. He reported that the homeowner, her inspector, and those who will do the repair work for the Town all agreed on an approach to be implemented within the next week or two. Mr. Field informed the meeting that the Town does have a 30-day permit to do the work.

New Business

Used Car Dealer License Renewals:

The Board reviewed the paperwork for and approved five used car dealer license renewals. Licenses were renewed for: Mr. Gerry (motion made, seconded and passed), Mr. Graves (motion made,

seconded and passed), Mr. Rimbach (motion made, seconded and passed), Roberts Brothers (motion made, seconded and passed), and Mr. Bacon (motion made, seconded and passed).

#### Liaison Reports

Paullette Leukhardt –

Fire Department: Two trucks are in for regular maintenance and another is in for clutch repair. Del is still waiting to hear if we will get a grant to replace the 30-year old workhorse truck. Doug Field reported that the cab in that truck is rusting out and, grant or no grant, it will need to be replaced soon.

Doug Field –

Police Department: About 100 people attended an award ceremony at the Log Cabin in Holyoke during which Ashfield's Officer Diane Wilder received the Richard G. Wereneski "Officer of the Year" award presented by the Western Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association. Doug Field, who attended the ceremony, said it was unusual for a small Town and Department to receive such an award and it marks a proud moment for Officer Wilder, our Police Department and the Town. Highway: The Highway Department is still working on repairing dirt roads left in poor shape by Tropical Storm Irene. Also, as of 9:30 a.m. December 15, there will no longer be a Route 2 detour through Ashfield. Both sides of Route 2 are now fully open.

Council on Aging – MIIA (Town insurer) has confirmed that anyone with a proper driver's license can drive the COA van. No CORI check is required to drive the van.

#### Appointments

Duncan Colter and Joanne Ostrowski, Board of Health.

Duncan (BOH Chair) opened the Board of Health meeting at 8 p.m. The Select Board and the Board of Health meetings, now in concurrent session, addressed the issue of appointing someone to fill the unexpired term created by Cindy Scott's earlier resignation from the BOH. The floor being open to nominations, Duncan nominated Susan Clark. The nomination was seconded. Paullette Leukhardt nominated Suzanne Corbett. The nomination was not seconded. Nominations were closed and on a roll call vote (3 for, 1 against) Susan Clark was appointed to fill the unexpired term. Doug Field thanked Suzanne Corbett for her willingness to serve.

#### Public Forum

Suzanne Corbett thanked the Board for hearing citizens' concerns regarding the Ashfield House over many months of meetings. Both Suzanne Corbett and Deb Nicholson stated that they each still have concerns about the safety of the building and the alarm system. Doug Field said that he will ask the Fire Chief to do a test of the alarm system sometime in the next few weeks.

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### Future Meetings

The next Select Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 19 at 7 p.m. As there is currently nothing lined up for the agenda for that meeting the Board agreed that, if by the afternoon of the scheduled meeting, there is no business, the meeting will be cancelled.

After a motion was made, seconded and passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

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