

Town of Ashfield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 02, 2016

The Select Board Meeting was held at the Ashfield Town Hall in Lower Hall on May 02, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Previous SB meeting was held on April 25, 2016. There was one audio recorder at the meeting. Approximately 10 audience members were present at the meeting.

Select Board: Chair -Tom Carter, Vice Chair- Ron Coler, Todd Olanyk

Town Administrator: Kayce Warren

Asst. Municipal Clerk/Scribe: Lynn Taylor

Carter calls the meeting to order @7:04 PM

WARRANTS:

Vendor Warrant W16-23 dated May 02, 2016 (**document 2**)

Payroll Warrant WP16-23 dated May 02, 2016 (**document 3**)

MINUTES:

Minutes of 4/25/2017: MOTION: Olanyk makes a motion to approve the minutes of 04/25/2016 as submitted, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 2-0-1 (RC) (document 4)**

APPOINTMENTS:

David Kulp IT Committee: (Board was emailed a packet by David Kulp containing draft letter and resolution **document 5**) David Kulp, Juliette Jacobson both from the IT Committee are at the meeting to discuss the Broadband issue. Kulp advises that there is nothing noteworthy to report where the State is concerned, no sign of any funding being released to the Towns as promised for Broadband. Kulp has drafted a letter and a resolution he would like to see the Board sign the letter to Governor Baker urging him to direct MBI to immediately release funding as promised. Throughout the discussion Kulp advises his desire to proceed with pole mapping etc. spending Town moneys rather than continue to wait for MBI funding. Olanyk and Carter advises that they do not want to spend any Town money until Ashfield is guaranteed the release of funds from MBI.

Olanyk feels that there are residents in Town that would not be able to handle the tax burden if the State did not come through with the funding as they had promised two years ago. Chris Lynch, Representative from Matrix is at the meeting and gives a very brief overview of a draft agreement he had given to the IT Committee for Matrix to build the network with a future buyout for the Town. Ted Murray from the Finance Committee also suggested that he is very skeptical of MBI feeling that the funding will not come from them any time soon. He suggests taking a trip to Boston rather than writing a letter to the Governor. After much discussion it is decided that Kayce and David will work on the letter to Governor Baker getting it mailed out copying Kulik, Downing, Rosenburg and any others. Carter will make a few calls and try to arrange a trip to the State House. Also suggests emailing out contact information for all our elected officials and getting residents to inundate them with phone calls on this issue.

Kulp would like to see at the STM in June the MLP Board be formed, he will work on the language for this.

Ashfield Business Association: Nancy Hoff comes before the Board to give a quick overview of the recently formed Business Association. Asking the Board if they would be able to use Town Hall at times to hold their meetings. After a very brief discussion Carter makes a motion. **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to allow the Ashfield Business Association to use as available the Lower Hall up to three times a year at no charge, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Resignation of David Newell from the Finance Committee: MOTION: Olanyk makes a motion to accept the resignation of David Newell from the Finance Committee effective at the close of Annual Town Meeting with regret and appreciation for his long term and continued service, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 6)** Warren is asked to draft a letter to Newell.

Resignation of Luke Pantermehl from the Highway Department: MOTION: Coler makes a motion to accept the resignation of Luke Pantermehl from the Highway Department effective April 29, 2016 with regret, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 7)**

After the vote Carter asks each member to contact Pantermehl directly regarding his resignation. Warren will draft a letter to Pantermehl.

Appointment of new COA Members: MOTION: Carter makes a motion to appoint Anne Yuryan and Nina Laurie to the Council on aging, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Doug Field asks the Board to consider establishing an account that people could donate money into for the Council on Aging activities, the Board will look into different options and get back to Field.

Doug Field advises that at the last COA meeting the Board voted to dispose of the 92 senior van. **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to declare the senior van as surplus equipment, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

License for Gloria Pacosa property is not ready for signatures will be moved to the 5/9/2016 meeting.

Bear Meadow Farm: Rick Intres from Bear Meadow Farm is looking for a license to sell hard cider at the Ashfield Farmers Market Saturdays from May 2016-to October 2016 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to approve the Farm Winery Liquor License for Rick Intres of Bear Meadow Farm, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0** Carter signs the license. **(document 8)** Taylor collects the \$25.00 fee

Annual Town Meeting Warrant: Board takes article by article assigning each to a Board member for the meeting this Saturday. **(document 9)**

Salary Study: Warren is going to email the Board a draft RFP for the Salary study, she would like them to review and figure out exactly what they would like to look for in this study. She would like their ideas for next meeting on May 9th.

By-Law discussion and approach- Large Scale, industrial construction projects: Coler advises he has spoken with the Planning Board Chair from Conway regarding the bylaw they submitted to the AG for approval, it looks like the AG will take longer than the 90 days. Coler suggests putting this off until the end of the summer and after we hear from Conway.

Upcoming meetings:

May 07, 2016 Annual Town Meeting

May 09, 2016 SB Meeting @7 PM

May 23, 2016 SB Meeting @ 7 PM

June 13, 2016 Special Town Meeting (forming of MLP Board, 3 articles for the planning Board, Salary Survey, and cleanup of accounts)

IT Update: Warren brings the Board up to speed on some computer issues within the Town Hall. Warrens computer was just replaced. The Collector computer, Asst.

Municipal clerk Computer, and the Assessors computer all need more memory installed. She goes on to advise that some of these computers are going to need replacing the idea of the tech committee is to purchase some new ones and recycle the old with computers that are not used heavily like the shop computer at the Highway Dept. and the spare police computer. Money will also need to be transferred into the IT account as it will be depleted prior to any new purchases.

Warren attended the Conservation Commission meeting regarding the invasive weeds. The order of conditions was granted. One resident on the lake attended the meeting asking questions regarding the issue.

On June 4, 2016 there is a permit out for fireworks at a wedding being held at the Edge Hill golf course. Just FYI for the Board from Chief Haskins

Warren will be away May 12- May 18th

Public Comment:

John O'Connor offers any help with writing the letter to the Governor regarding the Broadband issue.

Coler makes a motion to adjourn at 10:05 PM, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Adjourned at 10:05 PM

Document List:

- 1. Agenda for 05/02/2016**
- 2. Vendor Warrant W16-23 dated May 02, 2016**
- 3. Payroll Warrant WP16-23 dated May 02, 2016**
- 4. Minutes of 4/25/2017**
- 5. Packet by David Kulp containing draft letter and resolution**
- 6. Resignation letter from David Newell of the Finance Committee**
- 7. Resignation Letter from Luke Pantermehl of the Highway Department**
- 8. Farm Winery Liquor License for Rick Intres of Bear Meadow Farm**
- 9. Annual Town Meeting Warrant**
- 10.

