

Town of Ashfield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2016

The Select Board Meeting was held at the Ashfield Town Hall in Lower Hall on May 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Previous SB meeting was held on May 09, 2016. There was one audio recorder at the meeting. Approximately 5 audience members were present at the meeting.

Select Board: Chair –Todd Olanyk (absent), Vice-Chair Tom Carter, Ron Coler

Town Administrator: Kayce Warren

Asst. Municipal Clerk/Scribe: Lynn Taylor

Carter calls the meeting to order @7:07 PM

Minutes:

Select Board Minutes May 9, 2016: MOTION: Coler makes a motion to approve the minutes of 05/09/2016 as submitted, seconded by Carter. **VOTE: 2-0-0 (document 2)**

Appointments:

Auxiliary Police Appointments- David Shane Hill, Gretchen Gerstner: Chief Wilder is at the meeting and gives an overview of the Officers she is asking to have appointed qualifications for the positions. Both people are still in Academy training and will be graduating in June 2016. **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to accept Wilders recommendations and appoint Gretchen Gerstner and David Shane Hill as Reserve Officers for the Ashfield Police Department contingent on their graduation from the Academy until June 30, 2017, seconded by Carter. **VOTE: 2-0-0**

Wilder also asks the Board to appoint Charles Wilder as an Auxiliary Officer rather than Reserve Officer to the Department. Her reasoning is to only have 7 Reserve Officers on the Department. **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to accept Chief Wilder’s recommendation to appoint Charles Wilder as an Auxiliary Officer for the Ashfield Police Department, seconded by Carter. **VOTE: 2-0-0**

Pacosa Agreement:

Warren advises she has spoken with the Insurance Company and has received confirmation of insurance for the license agreement with Gloria Pacosa. Coler gives a quick background of the agreement with Pacosa, including but not limited to the point that if Pacosa sells the property at any time the agreement is null and void not transferring with the new owner. After agreement is signed and notarized Coler will take it to the registry of deeds to be filed and will report back to the Board at the next meeting. Carter thanks Coler for all his work with this issue.

MOTION: Carter makes a motion to sign the License Agreement with Gloria Pacosa of 14 South Street, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 2-0-0 (document 3)**

Mass DEP 319 Grant Program Support Letter: Olanyk has asked the Board to endorse the support letter for the Mass DEP 319 Grant Program in regards to the South River Watershed. **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to have the Vice Chair Tom Carter sign the Support Letter dated May 23, 2016 regarding the South River Watershed, seconded by Carter. **VOTE: 2-0-0 (document 4)**

Belding Memorial Library roof and masonry bid award: Marcine Eisenberg has asked this matter be postponed until after the Library has their meeting.

MBI:

David Kulp Chair of the IT Committee gives an overview of a recent meeting with Governor Baker with a western Mass contingent. The meeting included numerous Senior Advisors, Reps, and the new MBI Board. Baker personally commits to moving forward aggressively to implement the last mile of broadband. Discussion of and upcoming meeting with MBI, IT Committee and the SB on Wednesday May 25 @ 3:00PM. Coler questions Kulp how to get himself prepared for the meeting and asks Kulp to prepare a list of possible questions for MBI and email them out to the SB. Carter advises this should not just be a sit and listen meeting we need to make sure MBI is aware Ashfield is ready to move forward with this project.

Appoint single point-person to work with MBI: MOTION: Carter makes a motion to appoint David Kulp as point contact person to work with MBI, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 2-0-0**

Planning Assistance Grant Award documents for signature: Ashfield has been awarded Broadband Assistance Planning Grant Agreement in the amount of

\$5000.00. **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion the SB authorize acting Chair Tom Carter to sign the Broadband Planning Assistance Grant Agreement in the amount of \$5000.00, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 2-0-0 (document 5)**

STM Warrant Article for creation of MLP Board: Kulp has spoken with an MLP Attorney who advises that an MLP Board should be and elected Board consisting of 3-5 members. Carter's vision of the MLP Board would be 1 SB member, 1 Fin Comm. member, 1 Assessor, and 2 citizens at large. There is a discussion on this issue Ted Murray from the Fin Comm. as well as Kulp feel that would be a great idea. Kulp advises that other Towns have appointed Boards rather than elected. After discussion Warren is asked to add article to the STM to form MLP Board consisting of 1 SB member, 1 Fin Comm., 1 Assessor, and 2 members at large.

Murray will be having dinner with Joe Markarian at 5:30 PM to discuss Financial Policies and invites Carter if available if Carter is unable to make the meeting Coler will attend in his place. Murray will update the Board at the May 31st meeting.

Special Town Meeting Warrant: (document 6) Board reviews the STM Warrant for 7/13/2016 making changes as needed. Planning Board bylaw articles are left as drafted. Article 3 wording was discussed during the MBI discussion, Article 4 after discussion Board and Murray agree to not form a capital tech Account but change article to be \$4000.00 from Vocational School expenses to Information Technology. Article 5 read transfer a sum of money from Vocational School Expenses to pay for a classification and compensation study. Article 6 to read transfer \$4000.00 from Vocational School Expenses to fund repairs to the Ashfield Lake dock.

Tom Poissant Highway Superintendent would like two transfers, from Winter Roads for \$5000.00 one from Highway fuel for \$5000.00 both to be transferred to General Highway.

After discussion Board decides to put an article on the STM Warrant transferring from Vocational School Expenses to General Highway the amount of \$10000.00. in order to use winter roads money to fill the salt shed with sand and salt.

Warren is asked to contact Poissant regarding the purchase of the roadside mower and its status.

The Park Commission is having a meeting in the back committee room Carter asks them to join the SB meeting for a discussion regarding the dock status. Haupt advises that there is roughly \$10000.00 in donations to date with other sources of money there is about \$11196.00 to fund the dock, the cost of new dock will be \$14500.00 Haupt is asking for \$4000.00 additional funding from STM.

Town Administrator Report:

Warren advises that it's time to start looking into appointments and the priority's list.

Liaison Reports:

Coler advises that Northeast Direct Pipeline has officially withdrawn its application with FERC today.

Next Select Board Meetings: May 31, 2016 @ 7:00 PM and June 06, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Special Town Meeting June 13, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Carter makes a motion to adjourn at 9:24 PM, seconded by Coler. VOTE: 2-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM

Document List:

1. Agenda for May 23, 2016
2. Minutes of 05/09/2016
3. License Agreement with Gloria Pacosa of 14 South Street
4. Mass DEP 319 Grant Program Support Letter
5. Broadband Planning Assistance Grant Agreement
6. Special Town Meeting Warrant