

Town of Ashfield
Select Board Meeting
January 04, 2016

The Ashfield Select Board meeting was held on Monday January 04, 2016 at the Ashfield Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. There were approximately 4 audience members in attendance. There was 1 audio recorder in use.

Previous Select Board Meeting was December 28, 2015

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

Finance Committee: Ted Murray-Chair, David Newell, Carol Lebold

IT Committee: David Kulp-Chair, Juliet Jacobson, Brian Clark, Andy Smith, George Stephen

Town Hall Building Committee: Stuart Harris-Chair, Nancy Garvin, Douglas Cranson

Assistant Municipal Clerk/Scribe: Lynn Taylor

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

Minutes:

Select Board Minutes of 12/28/2015: MOTION: Olanyk makes a motion to approve the minutes of 12/28/15 as amended, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 2)**

Town Hall use Application discussion and review with Building Committee: The Board has a very brief discussion pertaining to the use application. **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to accept and approve the Town Hall use Application as presented on 01/04/2016, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 3)**

They continue with a brief discussion regarding future projects the Committee is working on Harris explains that they are putting panic bars on all of the front entry doors. He recently installed grip strips on the front stairs and the stairs to the Police Department. There needs to be some work done on the slate roof, and the steeple needs lots of work. The SB at budget time have been putting aside \$20,000.00 per year to come up with the \$80,000.00 thought to complete the steeple project. It was discussed that now is the time Harris should start looking for an Engineer for the project.

Wired West, MBI Broadband discussion with IT Committee and the Finance Committee: David Kulp starts by bringing the Boards up to date on both MBI and Wired West and their differences. Wired West has formed a negotiating team in which David is a member of to negotiate with MBI over their differences. He states that he agrees there is plenty of blame on both sides. Discussion of pros and cons of the Town owning the infrastructure and having complete control vs losing the control etc. Discussion in regards to having a special meeting with residents regarding the information learned regarding broadband thus far, after discussion it was decided not to have a meeting because they felt there was not really anything to share at this time. It was decided to have David revise the draft letter that had been written to MBI regarding moving forward with the regional approach to broadband. He will have this letter ready for the Boards signature at their 1/11/16 meeting. Resident Doug Cranson Voices his opinion against using the “Regional Approach” feels you loose control he used the schools and FRCOG as examples.

Review and discussion regarding Northeast IT contract: Board reviews the contract and makes changes to the dates of the contract. **MOTION:** Olanyk makes a motion to sign the contract with Northeast IT as amended, seconded by Coler.
VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 4)

Discussion of Town website maintenance: Juliet Jacobson explains that she had previously met with Town Hall staff regarding the website and the lack of maintenance being done on the website. They feel that someone from the inside should be bringing things up to date rather than the lag time that has been happening lately. Ann expressed interest in doing this above and beyond her hours and being compensated for her time. Yet now she hears that Ann does not want to do this so Juliet is not sure where things stand. SB feels its something that the Town Administrator can take up when she gets on board. Coler recommends Donna Scott for the job however it is felt that it should be someone in Town Hall

DLTA-FRCOG: postponed not yet ready

Liaison Reports: Olanyk advises he has submitted the Motion to Intervene with FERC.

Mail: none

Public Comment: Betty Stewart advises the Water District has filed their Motion to Intervene as well.

Next SB meeting will be January 11, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Carter makes a motion to adjourn @ 9:11 PM, seconded by Coler.

VOTE: 3-0-0

Document List

1. Agenda for 01/04/16
2. Select Board Minutes of 12/28/2015
3. Draft copy of Town Hall use Application
4. Northeast IT contract
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