

Town of Ashfield
Select Board Meeting
January 11, 2016

The Ashfield Select Board meeting was held on Monday January 11, 2016 at the Ashfield Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. There were approximately 7 audience members in attendance. There were 2 audio recorders in use.

Previous Select Board Meeting was January 04, 2016

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

Assistant Municipal Clerk/Scribe: Lynn Taylor

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

At the start of the meeting Coler advises that DLTA-FRCOG, Letter to Eric Nakajima, decision regarding Park dock will be taken up at another that has a full Board present

Warrants:

Payroll Warrant WP16-15 dated January 11, 2016 (**document 2**)

Vendor Warrant W16-15 dated January 11, 2016 (**document 3**)

Minutes:

Minutes of 01/04/2016: MOTION: Olanyk makes a motion to approve the minutes of 01/04/2016 as written, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 2-0-0 (document 4)**

David Newell; VEAC policies & transportation payment changes,

Appointment and alternate member to

VEAC, discuss Vocational School Choice:

David Newell was not able to attend Ted Murray has come to the Board in his place. David Newell has taken the role of VEAC clerk and there is a need to appoint an alternate member and a member. We feel that in time after being with the Town for a while the Town Administrator should be the member but for now would like Lynn Taylor appointed as the alternate. She will be an asset as she has

children in the Voc. Schools, she is the person that now does all of the Vocational School Transportation and Tuition bills. And has worked very closely with David in the Vocational School issues. Taylor advises she will fill that position only after the SB has had a discussion with Ann. Coler and Murray both agree. Coler advises Taylor to contact the Chair and have him meet with Ann on this matter then we can appoint the alternate. Murray informs the Board that Mohawk district will now be paying Kuzmeskus directly for the transportation of the Voc. Students and the district will bill the Towns.

Emily Boss of the Franklin Land Trust, Dennis and Robyn Crowningshield come before the Board to explain the plans they have for the property on RTE 112 which is part of the scenic Byway. Boss hands out a packet of information including maps and examples of memorandum of understanding from other Towns. (**document 5**) She continues her presentation explaining that they will be using State Scenic Byway funds to support the restriction and by using these funds the State requires that a Town entity hold the restriction , Boss has spoken to Lester Garvin Chair of the Conservation Commission and they are willing to hold the restriction if this project was to go through. It is explained that if the Town holds the restriction by having a memorandum of agreement the Franklin Land trust would be the in charge of any and all reporting and enforcing of the restriction. The property in question consists of 102 acres of wooded land. Currently the snowmobile trail, Ashfield walking trail go through this property and Boss feels it would be in the interest of the Town to do this. After discussion Coler and Olanyk ask Boss to come up with a draft memorandum of understanding for Ashfield which could be reviewed and discuss from there. Coler discloses that his wife Nina is on the Franklin Land trust Board of directors and he himself is involved with parcels held by the Franklin Land Trust. He explains this would not affect his ability to make the best decision for the Town.

Pipeline update: FERC filing deadline has been extended to January 15, 2016

Ted Murray Chair of the Finance Committee advises the Board that at the last Finance Comm. meeting they as a board after discussion regarding the tax revenue possibilities, decided at this time not to file for Intervener status. The Town could receive from Kinder Morgan 1.96 Million per year in revenue. The Board would like to look into this possibility further before making any decision to be for or against. Coler and Olanyk advised that in order to file you do not have to be for or against the pipeline. Coler suggested contacting Amy Shapiro relative to tax consequences.

Review of FY17 Budget Letter to the Department Heads: (Document 6) A request has been made to move the Senior Center and COA to the first appointment on March 14, 2016. Coler and Olanyk and Murray both agree. Taylor will make change and email a new schedule.

Liaison Reports: none

Mail:

- Copy of Letter from the Town of Washington they had sent to MBI (document 7) Taylor will bring back to meeting containing Ashfields letter to MBI
- Email from Bill Perlman advises that he does not approve of how blackboard is being used for non-emergency's (document 8)
- Letter regarding upcoming MMA Meeting (document 9)
- Letter from FRCOG regarding walking trails(document 10) Taylor will forward to Phil Pless

Public Comment: None

Discussion with Judy Haupt Park Commission: (The Park Commission was holding their meeting in adjacent office and came to the SB meeting for a discussion)The Park Commission is looking for some direction from the Select Board regarding which path to take for replacement of the dock. Trex material or black Locust. Haupt explains there is a rather large difference in the pricing. Just materials for Trex will run about \$3700.00 while Black Locust materials should be around \$1000.00. The Commission has some funds available and have been getting donations as well. They are looking to get direction as a plan needs to be drawn up for the DEP which after that they have to wait 30 days before construction could begin. **MOTION:** Olanyk makes a motion to authorize the Chair Tom Carter to help guide the Park Commission with direction and financial posturing, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 2-0-0**

Next Select Board meeting will be January 25, 2016

Coler would like to see the DLTA put on the Agenda for January 25, 2016 and including the Open Space Plan. Taylor will contact Tom Carter.

Olanyk makes a motion to adjourn at 8:12 PM, seconded by Coler. **2-0-0**

Adjourned at 8:12 PM

Document List

1. Agenda for 01/11/2016
2. Payroll Warrant WP16-15 dated January 11, 2016
3. Vendor Warrant W16-15 dated January 11, 2016
4. Minutes of 01/04/2016
5. Packet of information including maps and examples of memorandum of understanding from Emily Boss
6. FY17 Budget Letter to the Department Heads
7. Copy of Letter from the Town of Washington they had sent to MBI
8. Email from Bill Perlman advises that he does not approve of how blackboard is being used for non-emergency's
9. Letter regarding upcoming MMA Meeting
10. Letter from FRCOG regarding walking trails
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