

**Town of Ashfield**  
**Select Board Minutes**  
**January 22, 2015**

The Ashfield Select Board meeting was held on Thursday January 22, 2015 at the Ashfield Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. There were approximately 20 audience members in attendance. There were 5 audio recorders in use.

**Previous Select Board meeting was January 12, 2014.**

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

**Executive Administrator:** Mary Fitz-Gibbon

**Assistant Municipal Clerk/Scribe:** Lynn Taylor

**Meeting called to order by the Chair @ 7:00 P.M.**

**Agenda for 01/22/2015 (document 1)**

**Minutes:**

**Minutes of 01/12/2015: MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to approve the minutes of 1/12/2015 as Amended, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 2-0-0**

**Appointments:**

- a. Dan Buttrick from Tighe & Bond Engineers: Ashfield Lake Dam repair project review and discussion: Buttrick gives a power point presentation and overview of the plans for repairing the dam. During the presentation many questions are asked, discussed and answered. Improvements will include the dam itself, the spillway, and dike on Buckland Rd. Also plans to deal with the wet area belonging to Decker's (see plans)The plans for the dam are at 75% complete at design level. Copies of the power point presentation were available. **(document 2)** Paullette Leukhardt questions if the project will

meet ADA requirements? Buttrick advises it will not meet ADA with the proposal, Carter would like a price to meet ADA requirements.

- b. Retention wall at the Field discussion: Dan Buttrick has agreed to stay and answer questions people may have in regards to the retention wall project even though it is not his expertise. Alden Gray gives an overview of the proposed project. Copies of project are available (**document 3**) Gray is looking for the Town to come up with its 1/3 portion of the project design and permitting which is \$40,000.00. Gray is not sure if the Board should try for the grant now or later, Tom Poissant is at the meeting and advised that the Massworks grants the project needs to be all ready to move forward. Landowners Andrew Martin, Peter Wiitanen, John Nawrocki. Martin expresses he will be fine with his section having drainage and grading done. Wiitanen expresses many concerns with the whole project, mainly the project getting done at all. He feels if the FIELD cannot afford to maintain properly they might consider giving it to the Town. Art Pantermehl and Alden Gray advise that it's not that simple with the way the property was left. The proposal for the retention wall is \$405,000.00

Paullette Leukhardt would like to know what the proposal for the Dam project is. Buttrick advises \$805,000.00.

### **New Business:**

Appoint Police Department reserve Officers: Jordan Zukowski is present for his appointment. **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to appoint Jordan Zukowski of Greenfield, and Peter Granitsas of Goshen as Ashfield Reserve Officers, seconded by Coler. VOTE: 3-0-0

Appoint Kyle Taylor to the Town Hall Building Committee & as Town Hall Steward: **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to appoint Kyle Taylor to THBC and as Town Hall Steward, seconded by Coler. VOTE 3-0-0

Information requests from AECOM on behalf of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC: (**document 4**) Jen Markens explains information request concerns. There is discussion of who is responsible for the request and if the Town should respond to the request at all. Markens feels that if the Town responds there

might be legal issues. The Board decides that legal counsel should be contacted regarding this issue. Coler volunteers to contact Town Counsel. **MOTION** Carter makes a motion to authorize Coler to contact Town Counsel regarding this issue, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE 3-0-0**

Coler will have Town Counsel get in touch with Carter or Fitz-Gibbon with her thoughts on this matter.

Geoffrey Precourt expresses his concerns to the Board regarding the trailer trucks that are moving the mats on the high tension lines. They are going way too fast for the road conditions, they are leaving property owners gates open, and out moving mats again very early in the morning before 7:00 AM. Board will contact the Police Chief.

### **Liaison Reports:**

Olanyk advises the Highway has pulled the ram out of the compactor and it's back at the Highway Dept. for repair. Olanyk advises other members of permitting fees have increased however Municipality permits are still free. Coler expresses that the sidewalks look very nice.

Carter thanks Ron Coler for the long range planning report it was very informative.

### **Mail:**

-Letter from AG's Office to Paullette Leukhardt dated January 15, 2015 thanking her for contacting them regarding an Open Meeting Law complaint. **(document 5)**

-Resignation of Tristan Romer from the Historical Commission: **(document 6)**  
**MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to accept the resignation from Tristan Romer with regret, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE 3-0-0**

- Email from the school district regarding budget meetings (document 7)

Select Board and Finance Committee will have a joint meeting on February 18, 2015 @6:00 PM

Olanyk makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carter.

Adjourned at 10:05 PM.

## Document List

1. Agenda for 01/22/2015
2. Ashfield Lake Dam repair project proposal and design
3. Retaining Wall Repair project proposal and design
4. Information requests from AECOM on behalf of Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC letter
5. Letter from AG's Office to Paullette Leukhardt dated January 15, 2015
6. Resignation of Tristan Romer from the Historical Commission
7. Email from the school district regarding budget meetings

Note: These minutes were discussed, amended, and approved at the Select Board meeting dated 2/23/2015 and filed in the folder of the actual date of the said minutes

Approved as submitted 2/23/2015 3-0-0