

Town of Ashfield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2016

The Select Board Meeting was held at the Ashfield Town Hall in the Committee Room on March 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Previous SB meeting was held on March 07, 2016. There was one audio recorder at the meeting. One audience member is 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

WARRANTS:

Vendor Warrant W16-20 dated March 21, 2016 (**document 2**)

Payroll Warrant WP16-20 dated March 21, 2016 (**document 3**)

MINUTES: Holding until next joint Finance and Select board meeting for approval.

Aime' Bourdon Town Common use Application: (document 11) Bourdon comes before the Board requesting to use Town Common on June 11, 2016 from 8:30 Am to 5:30 Pm for a bike-a-thon to support the Music department at Sanderson Academy. He advises he has spoken with the Farmers market, Elmers, and the Police Chief, they are behind this and in full support. The Board would also like him to contact the DOT regarding the use of Rte 116. **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to approve the Town Common Special Event License as submitted for June 11, 2016, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Ashfield Community Theater-Town Hall use application (document 4) which has already been approved by the Board. Was brought to the attention of Warren by Town Hall Building Committee they feel that there is an issue that will affect Memorial day functions if there is in climate weather the upper hall would not be able to be used because it will still be set up for another performance June 3 and 4th. Warren has spoken with David Knowles and he is willing to work with the

Memorial day functions however will not be able to take down any of the risers or the seating. Warren just wanted to bring this to the Boards attention and make them aware that Knowles is willing to work with us.

Northampton Cycling Club Annual Road Race: (document 5)Information packet including race maps the race will be July 23, 2016. The board would like this brought back in front of them for approval after it has gone in front of the Police Fire and Highway for their approval.

Bylaw discussion and approach for large Scale Industrial construction projects: Ron gives a quick overview to Carter regarding the meeting that he was absent from where Olanyk and himself made a motion to form a subcommittee to work on drafting the said general bylaws. Coler now expresses that he feels it would be easier to draft the bylaws from the Select Board level instead and that Coler is willing to take on the drafting of the bylaws reporting frequently back to the board with the progress. Coler also felt waiting a little until Conway's bylaw went in front of the Atty. General to see the outcome would be wise. **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion rather than approaching the drafting of the large scale industrial construction bylaws through the earlier formed subcommittee work at the Select board level Coler will take the lead in drafting reporting back to the rest of the Board at every Scheduled SB meeting, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Open Annual Town Meeting Warrant: (document 6)

Warren has drafted motions to open and to close Town meeting Warrant.

MOTION: Coler moves to declare the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting (currently scheduled for May 7, 2016, at 10:00AM at the Ashfield Town Hall) to be open, seconded by Carter. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

MOTION: Olanyk moves to declare the Select Boards intention to close the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting (currently scheduled for May 7, 2016 at 10:00 AM) on April 8, 2016, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Interim Town Administrator Report:

Warren Advises the Board of Senator Rosenberg's Municipal Conference on 4/9/2016 at GCC Dining Commons after a brief discussion Coler, Olanyk, and Warren will be attending.

Warren questions a cycling race sponsored by the Franklin land trust and if that will come before the Board. Board members do not recall approving anything regarding this race. Warren will contact Rich Hubbard.

Warren has received a draft from Emily Boss of the Franklin Land Trust regarding the Crowningshield Conservation restriction on Ashfield Mountain She will forward to the Board members. Olanyk express that he only wants to see the draft for Ashfield. This will be put on the SB agenda for April 4, 2016.

Letter from building Inspector (**document 7**) containing violations that he found during his recent inspection. The Board reviews and asks it be passed onto to the Town Hall Building committee.

Letter to Betty Lesure regarding her recent retirement. (**document 8**)

Letter to Tom Schreiber regarding his recent resignation from the Finance Committee. (**document 9**)

Franklin County Select Board meeting being held at Chandlers Restaurant Carter is going to try and make. Warren will RSVP for him Coler is already scheduled to attend.

Coler and Olanyk will be attending the project update meeting at Town Hall 03/29/2016 from 6:30-8:30 pm regarding South river watershed see flyer (**document 10**)

Coler advises he has been working with the Franklin Land Trust, Dick Evans Atty for Gloria Pacosa, and Donna regarding the agreement with Pacosa and the issue of the stone wall she built partially on Town Property. Coler would like to meet with the Board as soon as the formal agreement has been drafted.

General Budget discussion: Cater advises that Ted Murray, Kayce Warren and himself had met last Wends night to work through the budget after much work the shortfall is about \$53,000.00, however there are a lot of things that were not in the budget for example the dock, the pipeline fire truck, transfers etc. Public Safety took most of the cuts during this discussion. Lindy Gougeon and Carol Lebold are drafting an article for the Ashfield news regarding the Proposition 2 1/2 being put forward at Annual Town meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding creation of a revolving fund four Tax Title. Warren advises that she really is not sure about forming a revolving fund.

Olanyk questions Warren regarding a blanket email sent to Boards and Committees asking them not to engage in things like go fund me. Olanyk suggest not dictating that citizens cannot do this but advise them that the Town cannot be involved with this type of fund raising. Warren advises that this took the Treasurer a huge amount of time to set up and she also had to use her personal information in order to get

account set up. The Town Accountant was also asked about this and she also feels the Town should not be doing this sort of funding.

There was more discussion pertaining to recently discussed article for Town Meeting regarding pipeline legal fee funding. **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to create an article for Town Meeting asking for \$15,000.00 for the Pipeline Opposition/Mitigation funding under the direction of the SB, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Saturday Morning Tom and Sandy Carter, Ted and Caroline Murray and Emily Robertson had breakfast at Elmers with Steve Kulik the discussed schools, Charter Schools Chapter 90, Broadband, capital funding for Library, public records etc. He spoke Thursday the 17th at the showing of the Josh Fox documentary. He's hopeful when they get done with the Governor's budget State aid may be higher. He advised that he will run again.

Coler makes a motion to adjourn at 9:33 PM, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Document List

- 1. Agenda 03/21/2016**
- 2. Vendor Warrant W16-20 dated March 21, 2016**
- 3. Payroll Warrant WP16-20 dated March 21, 2016**
- 4. Ashfield Community Theater-Town Hall use application**
- 5. Northampton Cycling Club Annual Road Race**
- 6. Open Annual Town Meeting Warrant**
- 7. Letter from building Inspector**
- 8. Letter to Betty Lesure regarding her recent retirement**
- 9. Letter to Tom Schreiber regarding his recent resignation from the Finance Committee**
- 10. Flyer outlining South River Watershed meeting.**
- 11. Aime' Bourdon Town Common use Application**