



## Ashfield Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 8, 2017, 7:00 pm

Ashfield Town Hall, 412 Main Street, Ashfield MA 01330

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Select Board was held in Town Hall at 7:00 PM.

Present: Todd Olanyk, Chair; and Tom Carter

Absent: Ron Coler

Also Present: Kayce Warren, Town Administrator; Bridget Rodrigue, Town Clerk; Del Haskins, Fire Chief; and Kyle Taylor, Town Hall Building Committee.

Olanyk convened the Select Board meeting at 7:10 pm, with one recording device.

### Consent Agenda –

Minutes	7/31/2017	
Warrants	W18-04 Payroll & Vendor	

*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Carter*

*Second: Olanyk                      Vote: 2-0-0*

### Appointments with Select Board

A. Chief Bezio — Police Department Update

### Discussion/Decision Items

#### **A. Town Common Use Application – Ashfield Community Band Ice Cream Social & Concert**

Ashfield Community Band is asking to use the Town Common for its annual ice cream social and concert.

*Motion to approve: Olanyk*

*Second: Carter      Vote: 2-0-0*

#### **B. FEMA 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Notice**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, and 2017 Flood Mitigation Assistance Program funding. These are nationally-competitive annual grant programs with a deadline of October 16, 2017. Warren reached out to the FRCOG and they may be offering their assistance. This grant program may be useful to assist with the dam or the hazard mitigation plan (ours is up in 2019). Olanyk wonders if this could be used to redesign the downstream area to absorb the impact. Warren will update the Board after speaking with FRCOG.

**C. FRCOG – Local Underage Drinking Prevention Efforts**

Warren explained that this is an update from the FRCOG regarding preventing underage drinking. It includes a ‘What Municipalities Can Do’ Fact Sheet and a Memorandum of Understanding regarding compliance checks.

**D. Bridge Repair/Replacement Update – *None***

**E. Mold Remediation Update**

Contract is finalized and has been returned to the vendor. There are a few items that need to be fixed before the work can begin. Warren will advise the Board of the start date once it has been determined.

**F. Salary Study Update – *None***

**G. Broadband Project Status Update**

Carter explained the MLP Advisory Board met last week to look at possible locations for the hut. It was discussed last month about trying to keep the hut in the center of town to be more cost effective and Carter said it looks as though the Library has the perfect spot.

Warren stated that WG& E has the contract addendum from the last meeting.

**H. Large Scale Development & Local Road Preservation Bylaws – *None***

**I. Community Development Block Grant Update – *None***

**Town Administrator’s Report**

The Town received two complaints about the event at the Ashfield Lake House this past weekend. Complaints were in regard to the vulgarity of the music being played. Warren discussed complaints with Chief Bezio and has informed those individuals to call dispatch at the time so the Police Department can respond. Chief Bezio has adjusted shifts to cover weekends.

The draft CAD design for the Transfer Station has been received. Tom Poissant asked for larger plans because the current draft is difficult to read. Olanyk asked why this is taking so long. Warren said this delay was due in part to the weather.

Warren provided a FRCOG update to let the Board know that they are having marijuana legislation training at the Olver Transportation Center on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

FRCOG just turned 20 and plans for a celebration are underway. Towns will be advised of the date as soon as it is scheduled. FRCOG is planning a “story map” of the COG’s history and accomplishments.

Warren will start holding staff meetings. Looking to have the first one on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Warren is developing her project list. She has started investigating Community Development Block Grants and is looking at asking for infrastructure repair. She is also continuing to work on the salary study project.

## **Mail**

- Thank you letter from Eva Thomson praising Ashfield's Public Safety Departments.
- Email reminder from Williamsburg Town Administrator about HAEMS annual meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Goshen.
- Notice about Franklin Hampshire Career Center consolidation
- Vocation Education Transportation – David Newell would like to speak to the Board. Discuss this with the legislature.

## **Public Comments –**

Haskins reminded the Board that the Vet Ruck New England - Veterans Walk is coming through Ashfield next week (August 17). This is a walk to raise awareness for issues veterans face upon returning from war. They would like to stop at the Fire Station and are expecting to be coming through Ashfield at 10:00 pm.

## **Upcoming meetings – August 21, 2017**

### **Items Unanticipated**

Del Haskins informed the Board that someone dumped pesticides in Ashfield Sunday night from Spruce Corner all the way to Goshen. Ashfield had the most and it was very potent and waxy. Haskins and Poissant arrived at the scene and started to clean it up but were having difficulty breathing so they had to call in hazmat. The Department of Environmental Protection was also called in and conducted tests on the substance. DEP have confirmed it was a pesticide. Had to keep road shut down and have a cleanup crew there arrived around 6 am and finished around 3:00 pm. People on Cape Street and Plainfield Road could smell the pesticide. Substance was wet and oily. Used a product similar to speedy dry to clean it up.

Warren said both Goshen and Ashfield are investigating. Goshen originally received the call. They followed the path of the dumping and called Ashfield to report it. Hoping to find out what the substance is.

Chief Bezio is working to get radios in the cruiser, she was having a difficult time communicating with control. Hoping to have radios in by this week. Dangerous to go without.

Olanyk said EPO stopped at his house to see if he has any information. DEP tried to reach Del today but he did not have good service. Haskins spoke to 22News.

This all happened Sunday night. Haskins was grateful for mutual aid. Plainfield was a big help. Warren said she will keep the Board posted.

## **Adjourn – 7:50 pm**

*Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm: Olanyk*

*Second: Carter*

*Vote: 2-0-0*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bridget S. Rodrigue*

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Town Clerk

Document List:

1. Agenda for August 8, 2017
2. Minutes from July 31, 2017 Meeting
3. Application for Special Event License – Ashfield Community Band
4. Email Re: FEMA 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program
5. Email Re: Local Prevention Regarding Underage Drinking (FRCOG)
6. FRCOG Committee and Executive Director Updates for 7/20/17 Council Meeting
7. Email Re: Marijuana Legalization (FRCOG)
8. Thomson Thank You
9. Email from Williamsburg Town Administrator – Highland Ambulance Board of Directors Meeting (January 3, 2018)
10. Email from Barbara Carson re: Franklin Hampshire Career Center Consolidation
11. Emails from Adam Kinds and David Newell re: Vocational Transportation Reimbursement
12. Hazardous Material Notice and Pictures – Pesticide Dumping

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