



Ashfield Select Board Meeting

Monday, October 2, 2017, 7:00

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; Tom Carter (7:10); and Ron Coler.

Also Present: Kayce Warren, Town Administrator; Bridget Rodrigue, Town Clerk; Beth Bezio, Chief of Police; Kyle Taylor, resident; Rochelle Wildfong, resident; Jack Barry, resident; Dennis Bellows, resident; and Wayne Wickland, resident (8:10).

Olanyk convened the Select Board meeting at 7:02 pm, with one recording device.

Consent Agenda –

Minutes	September 18, 2017	As submitted
Warrants	W18-08 Payroll & Vendor	

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Coler

Second: Olanyk

Vote: 2-0-0

Appointments with Select Board

A. Verizon/WMECO Pole Installation Hearing

7:24 pm Open public hearing for Verizon/WMECO Pole Installations Hearing

Verizon New England, Inc. and Eversource Energy d/b/a Western Massachusetts Electric Company request permission to locate three (3) poles, wires, cable and fixtures, including the necessary anchors, guys and other sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across Spruce Corner Road. These three poles would provide support to the existing pole line; and for the distribution of intelligence and telecommunications and the transmission of high and low voltage electric current.

The existing poles have a 300 foot span, which creates lots of sag in the wires. The new poles will be placed on the town right of way and not in front of any houses, in the middle of the existing poles to provide support to the lines, putting us in a better position for storms. Power company has requested these midspan poles for the power upgrade.

Abutters Wildfong and Barry stated they were sent cards with a number to call if you had questions, but found the number to be out of service. They would like to know where the poles are going and if they will be large. The Verizon representative informed them that the location for the poles are staked out and that a pole cannot increase by more than five feet from what is currently in place. He explained that they received the card because they reside in the area of where the work is going to take place.

Coler asked about the removal of poles left on the side of the road in town and was told to call Verizon to remind them to take them away.

Olanyk closed the hearing.

Motion to approve three (3) poles on Spruce Corner: Carter

Second: Olanyk

Vote: 3-0-0

B. Belding Memorial Library Trustees – Library Rear Roof Repair Bill

Warren explained that the Town received one bid for the library roof repair in the amount of \$193,000. This bid was deemed excessive, since work was estimated to cost approximately \$60,000. The Library Trustees have rejected this bid, as it exceeds the budgeted amount. Warren has requested and received a DCAMM waiver, and will reach out to other towns for general contractor recommendations.

Motion to reject Library Rear Roof bid: Olanyk

Second: Carter

Vote: 3-0-0

C. Police Chief – Monthly Updates, Fall Festival, Other

Monthly Updates:

Chief Bezio informed the Board of some recent breaking and enterings in Ashfield and area towns. She stated the State Police and local police departments have solved some of the breaking and enterings and that some are still under investigation. The Chief issued two messages, the first informing residents about the reason behind the increased police activity and asking them to stay vigilant, while the second message was sent as reassurance since the first was not received as intended.

Chief Bezio also informed the Board that during a traffic stop, Officer Thibault apprehended the individual who stole two of the Town's wood street signs. Bezio has been in contact with Tom Poissant and will turn the signs over to the Highway Department for repairs.

Chief Bezio stated the Department is functioning well, and she is proud of all her officers and how they have pulled together.

Fall Festival:

Chief Bezio also informed the Board that the Ashfield Police Department is gearing up for the Annual Fall Festival . This event draws a large crowd every year, so she will be placing *No Parking* signs in various areas of Town to enable emergency personnel access to all areas of the festival. There will also be marked areas for handicap drop offs in front of the Fire Station and handicap parking at the end of South Street. All officers, except one, will be working during Fall Festival weekend.

Other:

Chief Bezio notified the Board that Officer Thibault, her second in command, has been outstanding in all aspects of his work. Olanyk asked about the organizational structure, and Bezio explained that under the previous chief, the second in command was a corporal. She said the current department does not have this structure, and that she would like to add a sergeant position. Olanyk asked if she is considering making Officer Thibault a sergeant. Bezio said she would like to have Officer Thibault to be the sergeant. Olanyk recommended putting this appointment on the next agenda. The Board would like to know Officer Thibault's background and how the addition of this position would affect the budget.

Discussion/Decision Items

A. Bullit Road Bridge Repairs

Warren explained a response was sent to the Bellow's describing the process to repair the bridge. Dennis Bellows did not see the response so Carter read the letter out loud. In the letter, Poissant stated he expects repairs to be completed before the winter weather sets in. Mr. Bellows is concerned with the increasing size of the hole stating it was originally the size of a softball, but is now 21x34 inches. The barrel covering the hole is often hit by trucks crossing the bridge and he is concerned since this is also a bus stop. Carter explained that any bridge over 20 feet can be fixed with state funds, so part of the delay was

due to finding a time for the state to come out and look at this bridge. Mr. Bellows stated repairs need to be made to the bridge before winter. Carter questioned whether a jersey barrier should be used instead of a barrel to prevent trucks from exposing the hole.

B. Vocational Education Letter(s)

Warren prepared three letters expressing the Town's concern with Vocational Education transportation reimbursement. One to Governor Baker, one to Senator Adam Hinds, and one to Representative Stephen Kulik.

Board reviewed the letters and only requested changes to Governor Baker's. These changes include removing the term abysmal and adding a paragraph thanking the governor for helping with Community Compact grants, small bridge repair, Broadband, etc. Carter would also like to copy Lieutenant Governor Polito on the letter. Warren will update the Governor's letter as requested.

Motion to authorize chair to sign letters as amended per discussion: Olanyk

Second: Coler Vote: 3-0-0

C. Draft Economic Development Incentive Program/TIF Policy

Warren recommends taking this home to review.

D. Steeple Repair

Warren discussed contract with Town Counsel and said some changes to the indemnity section. The Select Board Voted to allow chair to sign this contract on September 5th. Olanyk signed the contract.

E. Mold Update

Warren stated the install is complete and Mary Quigley has been monitoring humidity and it is within the acceptable ranges. Warren contacted Walt Baenziger to complete final testing of the spaces, and is waiting to hear back from him.

F. Salary Study Update

Warren is reviewing draft classifications with department heads and staff. She does not feel the job descriptions were as accurate as they could have been and has discussed these concerns with the consultant. Warren anticipates being able to present a draft to the Board in November.

G. Broadband Project Status Update

Warren is waiting for the Verizon check, but expects to have contracts out by Thursday. She has a second meeting with Bill Ennen scheduled to discuss some concerns. WG&E is working on a project management software, which Kulp thinks will be useful. Financial team will coordinate with DLS on account structure and the process for paying these bills.

H. Large Scale Development & Local Roads Preservation Bylaws

Coler sent out a memorandum regarding the establishment of a working group to explore possibilities of a new zoning bylaw that is focused on siting large scale industrial and commercial facilities. The Planning Board asked Coler to attend their next meeting to further explain this issue.

Items not Reasonably Anticipated by Chair:

Coler attended FRCOG marijuana seminar and would like the Select Board to accept a temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments. Coler's biggest concern is that if the town does nothing, there is very little the town can do to prevent a large industrial recreational marijuana facility. Coler feels accepting this temporary moratorium will enable the Planning Board time to create a zoning bylaw for such facilities. Warren stated land is cheaper and more plentiful in Western Massachusetts, so many growers will be looking at this area. Olanyk agrees that this should not be left alone, and hopes the Planning Board will take this up.

Motion to have Coler encourage the Planning Board to support a temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments (similar to Conway): Carter

Second: Olanyk

Vote: 3-0-0

Town Administrator's Report

- Financial Team Meeting – Hoping to have Free Cash number by beginning of November. Working on management letter.
- Steve Grout left HCOG and Warren is waiting for Sinead to compile the energy comparison numbers.
- Starting to prepare the budget hearing schedule, and adding placeholders for ATM Warrant.

Mail

- Swan-Jerrold Tree Complaint
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Letter of Interest
- Brief from Kathleen Casey on single stream. Carter asked why Cummington was getting more money back. Olanyk would like Warren to ask Poissant about engineering plans calling for area to be paved which seems unusual. Warren will ask Poissant to clear this up. Coler asked about potential for a grant to fund a compactor. Warren has spoken to Poissant about this. Can make more on a dual stream system if you compact them.
- Greenfield Police Department – Grant award for dispatch regionalization study.
- FRCOG – short-term residential rental workshop.

Public Comments –

Upcoming meetings – October 16th

Adjourn- 8:55 pm

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm: Carter

Second: Olanyk

Vote: 3-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Bridget S. Rodrigue
Town Clerk

Document List:

1. Agenda for October 2, 2017
2. Minutes from September 18, 2017 Meeting
3. Invoice Warrant Report W18-08
4. Petition for Joint or Identical Pole Locations – Spruce Corner Rd.
5. Belding Memorial Library Rear Roof Repair Recommendation 09/29/2017
6. Ashfield Belding Library Rear Roof Repairs Bid Tabulation
7. DCAMM Waiver No. 3009 – Library Rear Roof Repair
8. Letter Requesting Waiver of Bidding and Advertising Requirements
9. Email from Dennis and Suellen Bellows regarding Bullit Road Bridge Repair
10. Vocational Education letter to Governor Baker
11. Vocational Education letter to Senator Adam Hinds
12. Vocational Education letter to Representative Kulik
13. Economic Development and Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) Policy
14. Memorandum from Ron Coler regarding large scale industrial and commercial facilities
15. Special Town Meeting Citizen Petition – Ashfield Community Rights Resolution 6/23/14
16. Moratorium Warrant Article from Conway – Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Facilities
17. Swan-Jerrold Tree Complaint
18. Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Letter of Interest
19. Sustainable Materials Recovery Program – Recycling Dividends Reward Program Grant (\$3,850)
20. Kathleen Casey – Single Stream Recycling email
21. Greenfield Police Department – Grant Award for Dispatch Regionalization Study
22. FRCOG – Short-term Residential Rental Workshop