

SELECT BOARD MINUTES  
MEETING – December 19, 2012

Note: Text approved  
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attached  
P. Phelps  
Approved 2-0-0  
11/9/13

Present: Paulette Leukhardt, Ron Coler

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Leukhardt at 7:04 pm. She announced the meeting was being recorded.

Appointments:

Police Department: Present: Chief Droney and Corporal Wilder

Stuff-a-cruiser project - Chief Droney showed pictures of the successful project to collect toys by placing a cruiser at Nolan's Neighbors for several hours. Toys and money for Christmas presents were collected from persons who wished to contribute to the cause. The money was used to make purchases of toys at the Hadley Target store. With the help of Sanderson Academy and the Food Pantry the toys were distributed to sixteen families, Chief Droney was pleased with the support of the Town.

Department Policies – 1. Records Redemption (82-1-1) A motion was made by Ms. Leukhardt, seconded by Mr. Coler, and unanimously voted, to accept policy 82-1-1.

2. Patrol Vehicles (41-3-1)- Mr. Coler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leukhardt, and unanimously voted, to accept Patrol Vehicles Ashfield Police General Order 41.3.1, amended to include the full identification of AED.

3. Written directed system (12-2-1) - Prior to voting on this policy there was a discussion about keeping a copy of the department policies off-site. Mr. Coler said he would gift a back-up drive to the department for this purpose. There was discussion about subscribing to an off-site system. A motion was made by Mr. Coler, seconded by Ms. Leukhardt, and unanimously voted, to accept Ashfield Police General Order 12-2-1.

**Sanderson Academy Emergency Procedures** - Chief Droney reported that in light of what happened [ the shooting at Newtown, CT] he will be meeting with the principal at Sanderson to review the emergency policies in place at the school. There will be increased police presence at arrival and dismissal time.

**Washing police vehicles – present – Bill Perlman**

Mr. Perlman had a tip for the Chief. "If you're really nice, you can wash the cruisers in the heated washbay at the highway garage." He went on to say it's illegal to wash trucks outside and described settling tanks, etc. to catch hazardous materials that were included in plans for the highway garage.

**Radio systems: Present: Bill Perlman**

Mr. Perlman presented information about the current communication system used by emergency services(Police, Fire, Ambulance), including locations and ownership of towers. He give a brief history of the governance of the system and how it has changed, growing to meet increasing demand. He explained how Homeland Security became involved after 2001.

He then went on to discuss areas in the network where there is no coverage, i.e. holes where radio signals do not reach. In Ashfield that includes Apple Valley and the Spruce Corner area. The Buckland

repeater , which will be located at the Ashfield transfer station, is expected to cover Apple Valley. It will be tested in the spring when there are leaves on the trees.

A repeater installed on the Plainfield tower (owned by WMECO) would cover the Spruce Corner area and reach to Sanderson. This has been talked about for years with no action being taken. After explaining the process involved, Mr. Periman suggested that if there were some cash (\$15,000 ) available, this would be a good place to put it. He asked for some indication of interest from the Town, providing the project could be done at a reasonable cost.

Conversation then turned to explaining the dispatching process for ambulance calls originating in Ashfield . Since Highland Ambulance, the regional service used by the Town, is located in Goshen, which is in Hampshire County, calls are routed from Shelburne Control to Nothampton and on to Highland.

**Condolences to Newtown, CT.** Ms. Leukhardt presented a letter which she had drafted to the people of Newtown, CT, expressing support to the survivors of the recent deaths of 20 children and 6 teachers in that town. Persons present, including the Fire chief, Police Chief, and Emergency Manager were supportive of the gesture. Chief Dronney said he had sent a card to the Police chief in Newtown.

**Used Car Dealer Licenses (Class II)** There are five licenses to be renewed. Each was unanimously approved in separate votes. (2-0-0) The Licensees are:

Albert Rimbach, d/b/a Rimback's Auto;  
Fredrick Graves , d/b/a Graves Garage;  
Todd M. Gerry, d/b/a Gerry's Auto Sales;  
Paul A. Bacon, d/b/a Bacon's Equipment;  
Roberts Brothers Co., Inc

**FY'14 Budget:** The Board reviewed the instruction sheet that will accompany budget forms. FY'14 budget requests are due January 24<sup>th</sup>. The request is for level budgets for all expenses except payroll, which may show a 2% increase. Any additional requests should be submitted as a separate request.

**Senior Consortium:** Mr. Coler reported that a representative needs to be appointed to represent the Select Board for the three Town Consortium. He recommended Doug Field, stating that Doug is willing. **He then made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leukhardt, and unanimously voted, to appoint Mr. Field to represent the Select Board. (2-0-0)** Copies of additional material will be forwarded to Mr. Field. **Following a motion made by Ms. Leukhardt, seconded by Mr. Coler, and unanimously voted, a Commonwealth of MA Standard Contract Form was signed by both Board members. (2-0-0)**

**Franklin Regional Housing Authority (FCRHDA)** There was a brief discussion about \$56,000 in funds held by the Housing Authority that are currently available to be reused by applicants on a waiting list. A 15% servicing fee has already been taken. Ms. Leukhardt will discuss the fee that will be charged when it is recycled into a new interest free loan to a qualified homeowner. This will be discussed further at a future Board meeting.

**Mall:** items noted

Letter from Deb Nicholson (12/13/12) – copy to BOH

Views from Mt Grace

Wells Trust Applications w/letter

Hampshire COG – re: Solarvolaric vendors approved to install 38 large scale solarvolaric

Installations in Hampshire and Franklin Counties.  
Letter from Suzanne Corbett (12/14/12) re: signing contracts  
Letter from Alan Rice (arrived today) – Ron read re: forming Ad Hoc committee to work on updating Open Space and Recreation Plan

**Debris Management Meeting** – Ron attended and reported on what he learned. He had information for Tom Poissant and an additional copy for Town Hall. He was very surprised to learn how involved managing debris could be.

**Other Items:** Pole hearing scheduled for 1/02/13  
APR hearing for 1/09/13  
Water Connection for old Sanderson 1/02 or 1/09/ 13  
FRTA on 1/09/13  
Odor problem – status

**Public Forum:** none

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla Phelps

Attached documents:  
Letter to Newtown  
Letter from Deb Nicolson  
Letter from Suzanne Corbett  
Communication report by Bill Perlman