

Approved as written 1/7/2015 3-0-0

Town of Ashfield
Select Board Minutes
December 29, 2014

The Ashfield Select Board meeting was held on Monday December 29, 2014 at the Ashfield Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. There were approximately 8 audience members in attendance. There were 5 audio recorders in use.

Previous Select Board meeting was December 15, 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 12/29/2014 (document 1)

Payroll Warrant WP15-14 dated December 29, 2014 (document 2)

Vendor Warrant W15-14 dated December 29, 2014 (document 3)

Minutes:

SB Minutes of 12/15/2014: **Motion:** Coler makes a motion to approve the minutes of 12/15/2014 as amended, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE 3-0-0 (document 4)**

Appointments:

Doug Field Council on Aging member: Senior Center priority designation and letter: Field is looking to the Select Board for support on the FRCOG Technical Support Grant. There was discussion that the Board had recently filled out form from the FRCOG ranking priorities and the Senior Center was already on the top ranking at the regional level. Carter suggest writing a letter in support of Senior Center. Field thought that would be enough for the FRCOG. **MOTION:** Coler

makes a motion to send a letter regarding DLTA Submissions for the Senior Center putting them at the top of regional level but not subordinating our previous Town responses and needs and have the Chair sign said letter, seconded by Olanyk.

VOTE: 3-0-0

Field also added his opinion regarding Smith Road being opened and its importance for Emergency Services. Many times Smith Road has been used because you cannot get up the steep hill on Smith Rd to get back out. Coler advised Field of an upcoming Conservation Commission meeting on January 14 at 7:00 Pm regarding this issue, and urged him to attend. (Approx. 15 min)

New Business:

- A. Used Car Dealer License renewals: Carter reads the Renewals, Robert's Brothers Company, Inc. (**document 5**), Todd M. Gerry d/b/a Gerry's Auto Sales (**document 6**), Albert Rimbach. Jr. d/b/a Rimbach's Auto (**document 7**), & Paul E. Bacon d/b/a Bacon's Equipment (**document 8**). All are class II renewals. **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to approve the Class II Used Car Dealer licenses as read by Carter, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE 3-0-0**
(approx. 5 min)
- B. Town Hall use applications for Nan Pariti, Elmer's Store: Application for a concert on Jan 24, 2014 and Feb 14, 2014 requesting both upstairs and downstairs. **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to approve the Application for use of Town Hall on Jan 24, 2014 for a Concert put on by Elmer's Store, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 9)**
MOTION: Coler makes a motion to approve the application for the use of Town Hall on Feb 14, 2014 for a concert put on by Elmer's Store, seconded by Carter. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 10)**
- C. DEP Draft Consent order, Transfer Station, Landfill: (**document 11**)
Olanyk gives an overview of the letter from the DEP mainly regarding cleanliness of the Transfer Station (waste oil area, Light bulbs, etc.) and well monitoring. The DEP sighted areas that need to be dealt with and brought up to DEP specs. Olanyk adds that a lot of the areas sighted have been cleaned up but as of yet no report has been sent to the DEP. Olanyk will be keeping a very close eye on this and continue to work with Poissant to have him get this done. As of right now the DEP has suspended a fine of

\$1,720.00 they are trying to work with us to clean things up. (approx. 15 min)

Carter advised that the compactor is again not working. Carter would like to know how old the present compactor is.

- D. Division of Local Services (DLS, DOR) Town Financial Review Report: **(document 12)** Ted Murray from the Finance Committee is present at the meeting Murray expressed that he found the report very helpful and very well documented, he felt that all the suggestions seemed very streamlined. The SB was impressed that the firm was contacted in September, review done in October, and completed the report in December. Coler suggests getting this report on the agenda soon after the Board members have time to review. Murray requested copies for the rest of the Finance Committee.

(approx. 20 min)

- E. Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Citizen Advisory Committee Community Development block grant: Letter from the HRA **(document 13)** requesting 1 member from each Town prior to January 30, 2014 to form a Citizen Advisory Committee Board is not sure how to reach out to find a member. A reporter from the Independent is at the meeting and offered to run an article hoping to find a member for Ashfield. (approx. 10min)
- F. Recent presentation of the Gold Cane: Olanyk informs the Board of the recent presentation that was held at Elmer's Store on the eve of Mary Leue's 95 birthday. Her family had planned a birthday party for her at that location only a few family members were aware that Olanyk was going to present Mary with the cane. Mary was very surprised and very happy to receive the cane. Olanyk had a great time presenting her with the cane. (approx. 5 min)

- G. Appoint Michael Melcher to the ZBA as an alternate member: Mollie Baize has found and recommends the SB appoint Michael Melcher of Hill Rd. to the ZBA as an alternate member. Mollie feels that Michael would be a great fit for the ZBA. **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to appoint Michael Melcher to the ZBA as an alternate member, seconded by Coler **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Old Business:

- a. Ashfield House LLC. Lien, current situation: Carter advises that nothing at this point has changed and is nothing further to add at this point.
- b. Open May 19, 2014 Executive Session Minutes regarding Ashfield House LLC and Housing Rehabilitation Authority lien negotiating position:
MOTION: Coler makes a motion to open the executive session minutes for May 19, 2014, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0**
Carter reads the executive session minutes into the record. **(document 14)**

Liaison Reports:

Coler advises that he has been approached by citizens to run for the SB again and feels that he will run again in May.

Public Comment:

Chris from Matrix was at the meeting looking for an update seeing he was not at the last SB meeting for the Broadband discussion. Carter informs Chris that the Board voted to support the non-binding contract with wired west. And carter feels that all options are still on the table at this point. Chris shares his concerns about the “non-binding” contract.

Mail:

- Plain white envelope was in drop box it contained a newspaper article regarding abandoned houses. **(document 15)**
- Notice of Planning Board decision for a special permit at Roberts Bros. Lumber. **(document 16)**
- Newsletter from the Senior Center. **(document 17)**
- Letter from MMA **(document 18)**
- Packets from Kinder Morgan for Board members **(document 19)**

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Note: These minutes were discussed, amended, and approved at the Select Board meeting dated 1/7/15 and filed in the folder of the actual date of the said minutes

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