

Town of Ashfield Select Board

Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2014

The Ashfield Select Board meeting was held on Monday February 17, 2014 at the Ashfield Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. This meeting was a joint FY 15 Budget meeting with the Finance Committee and the Select Board. There were approximately 15 audience members in attendance. There were 2 audio recorders in use. Previous Select Board meeting was February 10, 2014.

Select Board: Tom Carter-Chair, Ron Coler-Vice Chair, Paullette Leukhardt-ABSENT

Finance Committee: Ted Murray-Chair- only no quorum

Executive Administrator: Mary Fitz-Gibbon

Meeting was called to order by Tom Carter-Chair at 7:01 P.M.

General FY 15 Budget overview and discussion.

Assessors: Peter Wiitian and Sandy Lilly were present at the meeting to give an overview of the budget and discuss the GIS precision mapping. Discussion was also had regarding the open Assessors position.

Fire Department: Del Haskins was present at the meeting to give an overview of his FY 15 Budget. There was a discussion regarding Fire Dept. Training.

Break for other Business: Nancy Hoff, Richard Pree' and Victoria Nelson came before the Board asking that the Town be responsible for clearing the sidewalks in the Village. Hoff feels that the Highway should maintain the sidewalks. If that were to happen, equipment would need to be purchased. Carter advises that to guarantee it gets on Town meeting floor a petition with 30 signatures may be presented to the Select Board. Carter noted that there is already a sidewalk agreement on record for seasonal sidewalks.

Ambulance: Pat Thayer and Doug Mollison are present at the meeting to give an overview of the FY15 Budget. There is a discussion pertaining to highland ambulance building a new facility. Brief discussion of the new Highland Facility and the need for a debt exclusion.

Park Commission: Maryellen Abbatiello-Chair is present for the overview and discussion of the Park Commission's FY 15 budget. Highlights included dock replacement, restoration of Upper Park, and swim lessons.

Belding Library: Caroline Murray is present for the overview and discussion of the Library's FY 15 budget. Highlights included the new Librarian's increase in Hrs. and thoughts of making the position a salary as of July 1st, and allowing her to work from home at times, 100th year anniversary celebration Sept. 2014, and discussion pertaining to the Treasurer of Belding Memorial Library having to sign off on the Warrants before being paid.

Town Hall and General Government: Very brief discussion regarding FY15 Budget.

Next Budget Meeting will be Monday March 3, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjourned at 10:22 P.M.

Document List

- 1. Please see FY15 Budget Book for departmental budgets submitted and discussed.**
- 2.**

Note: These minutes were discussed, amended, and approved at the Select Board meeting dated 2/26/2014 and filed in the folder of the actual date of the said minutes.