

## Town of Ashfield Select Board

### Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2014

The Ashfield Select Board meeting was held on Tuesday April 22, 2014 at the Ashfield Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. There were approximately 7 audience members in attendance. There were 5 audio recorders and 1 video recorder in use. Previous Select Board meeting was April 7, 2014.

**Select Board:** Tom Carter-Chair, Ron Coler-Vice Chair, Paultette Leukhardt

**Executive Administrator:** Mary Fitz-Gibbon

**Assistant Municipal Clerk/Scribe:** Lynn Taylor

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

#### **Warrants:**

#### **The Board reviews and signs Warrants**

Payroll Warrant WP14-22 dated April 21, 2014

Vendor Warrant W14-22 dated April 21, 2014

#### **Minutes:**

March 17, 2014: Leukhardt submits a revision to the last paragraph on 3/17/2014 minutes. (Document 4) Coler feels the paragraph as drafted is perfectly fine. Carter is not sure where he stands on the issue. After a discussion and a few amendments to Leukhardt's paragraph revision, Carter makes a motion. **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to approve the minutes of 3/17/2014 as amended including Leukhardt's revision as amended, seconded by Leukhardt. **VOTE:** 2-1-0 Coler opposed (**Document 5**)

March 24, 2014: **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to approve the minutes of 3/24/2014 as amended, seconded by Coler. **VOTE:** 3-0-0 (**Document 6**)

March 31, 2014: **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to approve the minutes of 3/31/2014 as drafted, seconded by Coler. **VOTE:** 2-1-0 Leukhardt opposed (**Document 7**)

Annual Town Meeting Warrant: (**Document 8**)

Moderator Buz Eisenberg is present at the meeting to discuss and review the Town Meeting Warrant for May 3, 2014 with the Board. Eisenberg expresses to the Board that he as Moderator will be less lenient this year due to the length of this year's Warrant. Each article is discussed one at a time looking for any articles that may take more time than others and who would move each article on Town floor. Fitz-Gibbon will draft a copy including highlights and the talking points. Ted Murray is also present at the meeting there was a discussion about having the Finance Committee move some of the articles, however after discussion it was decided that the Finance Committee would not move any articles.

### **Select Board Resignation:**

Paullette Leukhardt resignation letter dated April 14, 2014 (**Document 9**) Carter questions Leukhardt as to time of resignation she states 11:59 P.M on May 1, 2014. Carter also questions Leukhardt a few times as to why only 48 hours left in your term would you resign. Leukhardt's response was its stated in my resignation letter. Coler submits to the Board a memorandum of his feelings pertaining to Leukhardts resignation letter (**Document 10**) Leukhardt does not agree that there should be a "rebuttal" allowed regarding her resignation. It's explained that these are Coler's thoughts on paper.

There is discussion regarding article 36 a citizen petition, it was hoped that Rep. Stephen Kulik and Sen. Robert Downing would be available for this discussion at Town Meeting, however they cannot attend that day. Eisenberg will contact Geoffrey Precourt to perhaps postpone article 36 until a date when they may be able to attend.

There will be a dinner meeting May 5, 2014 with Stephen Kulik Fitz-Gibbon will check on cost, reservations, and also forward information to Coler.

Carter makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Coler 3-0-0

Adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

### **Document List**

1. Agenda 4/22/2014
2. Payroll Warrant WP14-22 dated April 21, 2014
3. Vendor Warrant W14-22 dated April 21, 2014
4. Leukhardt's revision to the last paragraph on 3/17/2014 minutes
5. Select Board Minutes of 3/17/2014
6. Select Board Minutes of 3/24/2014
7. Select Board Minutes of 3/31/2014
8. Annual Town Meeting Warrant
9. Paullette Leukhardt resignation letter dated April 14, 2014
10. Memorandum drafted by Ron Coler in response to Leukhardt's resignation letter
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Note: These minutes were discussed, amended, and approved at the Select Board meeting dated 5/19/2014 and filed in the folder of the actual date of the said minutes

Approved as submitted 5/19/2014 2-0-1 (Todd Olanyk)