

**Town of Ashfield Select Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 30, 2013**

The Ashfield Select Board meeting was held on Monday September 30, 2013 at the Ashfield Town Hall. Tom Carter- Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. There were four audio recorders and no video recorder in use during the meeting, there were approximately four audience members in attendance. Previous Select Board meeting was held on September 23, 2013.

Select Board Members: Tom Carter-Chair, Ron Coler Vice-Chair, Paulette Leukhardt

Executive Administrator: Mary Fitz-Gibbon

Scribe Assistant Municipal Clerk: Lynn Taylor

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of September 23, 2013: **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to accept the minutes of September 23, 2013 as amended, seconded by Leukhardt. **VOTE:** Carter-aye, Coler-aye, Leukhardt-aye. Passes 3-0-0

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Pat Droney, APD: Mutual Aid agreement, Appointment of a new officer, Radio communication issues update.

Chief Droney has a brief discussion with the Board regarding the Franklin County Mutual Aid agreement. **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to endorse and sign the Franklin County Mutual Aid Agreement 2013 as presented, seconded by Leukhardt. **VOTE:** Carter-aye, Coler-aye, Leukhardt-aye. Passes 3-0-0 (document 1)

Chief Droney recommended Christopher Mattson be appointed as a new Part-time Police Officer. The Chief gives an overview of Mattson's resume and the qualifications that he feels would make him a great fit for Ashfield. Mattson lives in Colrain and will be working Friday nights and Fall Festival. Living close enough that he will also be available if needed for a quick response. **MOTION:** Leukhardt makes a motion to appoint Christopher Mattson as a new Part Time Officer starting immediately, seconded by Coler. **VOTE:** Carter-aye, Coler-aye, Leukhardt-aye. Passes 3-0-0

Chief Droney has spoken with Tower Communications regarding the issues with the portable radios. Tower communications provided two options 1. Purchase a new repeater for the interceptor at roughly \$3,400.00 or 2. Retrofit the old radio that was salvaged out of the old cruiser. It would cost around \$500.00 to reprogram and \$500.00 for a new license totaling around \$1,000.00. Either of these options

*will help yet not completely fix the issues, for example, this will most likely not fix the Apple Valley area or the Spruce Corner area.*

*Carter brought up the subject of the speed trailer. He has heard concerns that the trailer sits between Town Hall and the Fire House rather than out on the street. The Chief explains that the trailer also needs to be charged as it does not run solely on solar. The data the Chief reported to the Board via the speed trailer was that overall, there have not been any speeding issues. On Main Street 85% of drivers averaged 29 miles per hr.*

*A discussion with the Board and Chief Droney regarding an ongoing issue at the Corner of Watson Spruce Corner Rd. and Bug Hill Rd. Where a resident has been jack hammering the Town road and planting trees. Both the State Police and Ashfield Police have been involved. Chief Droney has sent a letter certified mail to this individual stating he needs to stop or he will be arrested. Leukhardt feels like he should be invited to a Select Board meeting to discuss why he feels he owns the portion of the Road he is destroying. Carter and Coler would like to talk with Tom Poissant first to see how to go about repairing the road and the cost of repairs to be made before winter.*

*The Chief advises the Board of his intent to apply for the MIIA Grant very soon, and that the Department is ready for Fall Festival.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Sign Ashfield House LLC loan subordination agreement: This was voted for on July 15, 2013 there is no discussion the Board signs the letter. **(document 2)***

*Sign the letter confirming prior Select Board vote to Not Exercise Town First Refusal Option on Bug Hill Rd. parcel owned by Kate Kerivan voted on 9/16/13 Board signs the letter. **(document 3)***

*Continuation of Ludwig Rd. pole hearing from 9/16/13: All parties involved are now in agreement.*

**MOTION:** *Carter makes a motion to approve and sign Verizon Petition for Ludwig Rd., seconded by Coler.*

**VOTE:** *Carter-aye, Coler-aye, Leukhardt-aye. Passes 3-0-0 **(document 4)***

**NEW BUSINESS:** *none*

*Leukhardt has two quick issues 1. She questions the items on the table in Town Hall that are for auction. Her concern was that they were not advertised however, she was informed that that had been done. 2. Regarding a return receipt item on warrant that was sent to the AG's Office and the Secretary of State. Leukhardt was informed that it was the letter the Board agreed to draft regarding the plans on how to deal with document requests. Leukhardt would like the letter brought to the next Select Board meeting as a document.*

*Next Select Board Meeting will be October 7, 2013 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall*

*AT 8:10 PM*

**MOTION:** Carter makes a motion for the Select Board to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL CH. 30A, Section 21, number 7: To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law of federal grant-in-aid requirements; specifically, Public Records Law: to conduct a periodic review of Executive Session Minutes. Roll call Leukhardt-yes, Coler-yes, Carter-yes Carter announces the meeting will reconvene in open session

Entered into Executive Session at 8:15 PM

Reconvened in open session at 9:44 PM The Board announces they have opened the following meeting minutes.

1-9-2013, 2-10-11, 2-17-2011, 1-27-10, 2-2-10, 2-5-2010, 2-17-2010, 2-23-2010, 8-25-2010, 9-15-2010, 11-3-2010. Please see Select Board Minute book for opened minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM

#### **DOCUMENT LIST**

1. AFD Mutual Aid Agreement
2. Ashfield House LLC loan subordination agreement
3. letter confirming prior Select Board vote to Not Exercise Town First Refusal Option on Bug Hill Rd. parcel owned by Kate Kerivan voted on 9/16/13
4. Verizon Petition for Ludwig Rd
5. Amended minutes of 9/23/2013
6. Agenda for Select Board meeting 9/30/2013
7. Minutes of 9/30/2013

**Note: These minutes were discussed, amended, and approved at the Select Board meeting dated 10/07/2013 and filed in the folder of the actual date of the said minutes.**

