

Town of Ashfield
Select Board Minutes

September 8, 2014

The Ashfield Select Board meeting was held on Monday September 8, 2014 at the Ashfield Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. There were approximately 14 audience members in attendance. There were 5 audio recorders in use.

Previous Select Board meeting was August 25, 2014.

Select Board: Tom Carter-Chair, Ron Coler-Vice Chair, Todd Olanyk

Executive Administrator: Mary Fitz-Gibbon

Assistant Municipal Clerk/Scribe: Lynn Taylor

Meeting was called to order by Tom Carter Chair at 7:03 P.M.

Agenda for 9/8/2014 (**document 1**)

Payroll Warrant WP15-06 dated September 8, 2014 (document 2)

Vendor Warrant W15-06 dated September 8, 2014 (document 3)

Carter and Coler signed individually prior to the start of the meeting, Olanyk signs during the meeting.

Minutes:

8/25/2014 Select Board Minutes: **MOTION:** Olanyk makes a motion to accept the minutes of 8/25/2014 as amended, Seconded by Coler. (**document 4**) **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Appointments:

- a. Doug Field Emergency Management director: grant and a standard contract form to sign, and discussion of the grant: Field gives an overview of the in-kind grants one for FY13 & one for FY14. FY13 grant is for \$1,975.00, which he plans on using to purchase a new EMD computer and a new tablet. FY14 for \$2,460.00, which he plans to purchase a card Id system that, can be used for both Police and Fire. Field explains that the Chair needs to sign contract form and have it notarized so in the future Field can sign the contract. **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to designate the Chair to sign the

contract form relative to the in-kind grant for Field EMD dated 9/8/2014, seconded by Olanyk. **(document 5) VOTE: 3-0-0**

- b. Doug Field Senior Center Liaison: Senior Center long-range planning issues letter: Field shares a letter he received from the Senior Center regarding relocation of Center to the Buckland Shelburne School. After the Board meeting on August 14, 2014 the Board of directors and Cathy Buntin feel the school is inadequate for the Center at this time. The center has the opportunity to work with Umass Boston to conduct a needs assessment. The Board hopes that the Select Board in the member Towns will support this step. **(document 6)** Mauricia Alvarez from the audience expressed her interest in helping to find a location for the Senior Center Field appreciated the offer and asked her to call Cathy Buntin.
- c. Mauricia Alvarez: liquor license transfer application process, possible purchase of the Ashfield Lake House: discussion with Alvarez takes place regarding liquor license for the Lake house after possible sale. Alvarez informs the Board she will be purchasing the Lake House regardless of a liquor license being issued. Alvarez explains this sale will be a cash sale and hopes the closing would be within a week or two. Betty Stewart advises of a water district lien. Alvarez goes into an overview of her future plans for the Lake House Carter informs her that we cannot stray too far from the issue of liquor License. Alvarez is told to fill out the liquor license application and get it submitted.

Old Business:

- a. Approve and sign Tighe & Bond design project invoice for Smith Branch Rd. Authorization to disperse No. 1 for the amount of \$1600.00 for permitting/design. **(document 7) MOTION:** Coler makes a motion for the Chair to endorse dispersment No. 1 dated 9/8/2014 for \$1600.00 and as needed in the future on a routine basis as needed for dispersments, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

New Business:

- a. Appoint Jim Cutler as Green Communities grant-funded Energy Manager: The position will be one day a week @ \$20.00 Hr. After a discussion everyone agrees that it would be best to table for two weeks until definite answers are found regarding ethics issues being that Jim is as of now an active member of the Green Communities.

- b. Special Town meeting warrant September 22, 2014, final review, and discussion: (document 8) Ted Murray and David Newell from the Finance Committee are present for the discussion with the Select Board. Murray advises the Board that the Finance Committee will meet on September 15, 2014 to review and vote on the Warrant. Murray expresses Finance Comm. concerns regarding all the articles being taken out of Voc. School Expenses line Item, it just seems early, however agrees that there is no other place to take from.
- c. License application for Grave's garage: Carter explains that Tammy & Sheila daughters of Fritz Graves are seeking to obtain a used car dealer license in order to sell the old cars around the property. Carter would like to table for two weeks in order to obtain more information.
- d. Ashfield lake invasive species issues (fanwort): No new information has been brought to the Board.
- e. Appoint election workers Hannah Monohon, Laura Spencer, Eliza Chaput, Brianna Gray, Grace Kinsey(all Mohawk Honor Society students)**MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to appoint Hannah Monohon, Laura Spencer, Eliza Chaput, Brianna Gray, Grace Kinsey as Election workers, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0**
- f. Film Fest Town Hall use Application: (document 9)Ashfield Film Fest is requesting the use of Town Hall for September 19 & 20 they have paid the fee of \$185.00. **MOTION:** Olanyk makes a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the Town Hall use application for the Ashfield Film Fest, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0**
- g. Ice bucket challenge: The Select Board was challenged by the Ashfield PD to do the ice bucket challenge. Coler expresses that he does not get involved in things like that and would not be doing it. Olanyk also will not be doing the challenge, however they would be fine with the Chair doing the challenge.

Liaison Reports:

-Coler advises that the hydraulic study for the lake looks good.

-Carter spoke with Chief Wilder and the explorer is at the garage about \$1,400.00 to repair.

-Olanyk advises lots of paving be done throughout the Town.

Mail:

-FRCOG Planning Board reappointment letter: (document 10) **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to appoint Mary Fitz-Gibbon as representative to the FRCOG Planning Board, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 2-0-0** (Coler was absent for the vote)

-letter regarding Mass Municipal breakfast meeting (**document 11**)

-e-mail from Bill Perlman regarding house numbers being mandatory for all homes in Ashfield. They are needed for Emergency personnel. (**document 12**)

- Before the meeting of 9/8/2014 opened Poullette Leukhardt distributed to each member of the Board, Mary Fitz-Gibbon & Lynn Taylor a copy of OML Complaint. Date of Complaint was 9/8/2014 Date of alleged violations are 3/3/2014 & 9/8/2014. (**document 13**)

-E-mail from Rita Farrell regarding meeting at the Goshen Town Hall Saturday 9/13/2014. (**document 14**)

Public Comment: none

Next Select Board meetings: September 22, 2014, October 6, 2014, October 20, 2014

Coler makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Olanyk. VOTE: 3-0-0

Adjourned @ 9:47 P.M.

Document List:

1. Agenda for 9/8/2014
2. Payroll Warrant WP15-06
3. Vendor Warrant W15-06
4. Minutes of 8/25/2014
5. Contract form relative to the in-kind grant for Field EMD dated 9/8/2014
6. Senior Center long-range planning issues letter
7. Tighe & Bond design project invoice for Smith Branch Rd. Authorization to disperse No. 1 for the amount of \$1600

8. Special Town meeting warrant September 22, 2014
9. Film Fest Town Hall use Application
- 10.FRCOG Planning Board reappointment letter
- 11.letter regarding Mass Municipal breakfast meeting
- 12.e-mail from Bill Perlman regarding house numbers being mandatory for all homes in Ashfield
- 13.OMLComplaint, Date of Complaint was 9/8/2014 Date of alleged violations are 3/3/2014 & 9/8/2014 filed by Paulette Leukhardt.
- 14.E-mail from Rita Farrell regarding meeting at the Goshen Town Hall Saturday 9/13/2014
- 15.

Approved as submitted 9/22/2014 VOTE 3-0-0

Note: These minutes were discussed, amended, and approved at the Select Board meeting dated 9/22/2014 and filed in the folder of the actual date of the said minutes