

**Town of Ashfield
Select Board Meeting Minutes**

September 02, 2015

The Ashfield Select Board meeting was held on Wednesday September 02, 2015 at the Ashfield Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. There were approximately 1 audience member in attendance. There were 1 audio recorder in use.

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

Assistant Municipal Clerk/Scribe: Lynn Taylor

Finance Committee Member: David Newell

Meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Carter @ 7:01 PM

Previous Select Board Meeting was held on August 24, 2015

SB Minutes of 8/24/2015: MOTION: Coler makes a motion to approve the minutes of 8/24/2015 SB meeting as submitted, seconded by Carter. **VOTE: 2-0-1 (TO) (document 2)**

Broadband Informational Meeting Minutes of 8/24/2015: MOTION: Coler makes a motion to approve the Information meeting minutes of 8/24/2015 as amended, seconded by Carter. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 3)**

Town Hall use Application for Ashfield Fall Festival August 9, 10, 11, 2015: MOTION: Coler makes a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the Town Hall use application for the Ashfield Fall Festival, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 4)**

Review Draft of Parent Transportation Policy (Requires a Vote) David Newell gives a very broad overview of the Vocational School enrollment and the busing issues for the school year. This school year there are 19 Vocational School Students, the Tech feeder bus only has 8 seats available and we have 11 students. There is an option to add another bus for \$40,000.00 or after some work with Ted Murray as well as Derek Brindisi we have come up with a solution for the moment of Parent Arranged Transportation which is already being used by Mohawk and

other Towns. Newell has drafted a policy for Ashfield to use in emergency cases such as the issue we have this year (**Document 5**) The Policy that Newell is proposing the Board adopt is reviewed by the SB. After discussion it is decided to change the rate of the mileage to the IRS Federal approved mileage rate which is 57.5 per mile, add a line for both parents to sign, a paragraph advising parents that they need to maintain a valid driver's license, registration and insurance, and that they need to notify the Town of any changes to that current status. **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to approve the Policy Statement Relating to Parent Arranged Transportation to/from Vocational Schools drafted by David Newell with the amendments previously discussed, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

MA Community Compact Initiative (Requires a vote) Coler explains to the Board that at the very last minute he received information regarding the Community Compact and if we adopt would open up more points in the Mass Works Grant application, and with so many Towns applying for the grant this would definitely help. Coler gives a brief overview of Community Compact which is a voluntary agreement with Baker-Polito Administration and a City or Town the said City or Town needs to implement at least one of the Best Practices set forth in document see (**document 6**) Coler has been in contact with Brindisi and Bob Deane from the FRCOG Brindisi would be interested in Financial Policies and Coler is interested in Budget document. After discussion with the Board it is agreed that the two Best Practices to get involved with would be financial policies and Solid Waste and site Cleanup. **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to approve the Town of Ashfields filing and acceptance of the Massachusetts Community Compact Program focusing on Financial Policies and Solid Waste and Site Cleanup. I also move that Derek Brindisi be the Towns point of contact for Administrative duties as required by the grant and Thomas Carter be the authorized signatory on any and all legal agreements as required by the Commonwealth, seconded by Olanyk.

VOTE: 3-0-0

Discussion of the STM: (document 7)

Article 1 Carter will make the motion at the meeting

Article 2 Invasive Species

Article 3 Library roof Carter will make the motion if the Library trustees would rather not. Funds will be raise and appropriate in the article

Article 4 will not take any amendments to the article Kulp will most likely make the motion

Coler makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Olanyk

Adjourned @ 8:32 PM

Document List

1. Agenda for 9/02/2015
2. SB Minutes of 8/24/2015
3. Broadband Informational Meeting Minutes of 8/24/2015
4. Town Hall use Application for Ashfield Fall Festival August 9, 10, 11, 2015
5. Policy Statement Relating to Parent Arranged Transportation to/from Vocational Schools drafted by David Newell
6. MA Community Compact Initiative
7. STM Warrant
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