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Town of Ashfield

Select Board Meeting Minutes

December 07, 2015

The Ashfield Select Board meeting was held on Monday December 07, 2015 at the Ashfield Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. There were approximately 9 audience members in attendance. There was 1 audio and 1 Video recorder in use.

Previous Select Board Meeting was November 30, 2015

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

Assistant Municipal Clerk/Scribe: Lynn Taylor

Finance Committee: Ted Murray-Chair, Carol Lebolds, Tom Schrieber

IT Committee: David Kulp-chair, Brian Clark, Andy Smith, George Stephan

Meeting was called to order by chair @ 7:00 PM

Minutes:

Minutes of 11/23/2015: MOTION: Olanyk makes a motion to approve the minutes of 11/23/2015 as amended, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 2)**

Appointments:

Thomas Poissant Highway Superintendent:

The bids for the street sweeper were opened this morning at 10:00 AM at the Town Hall. Only one bid was received and that came from CN Wood Co. Inc in the amount of base price \$55000.00 trade of \$5000.00 total being \$50000.00 the new sweeper is a 2004 model. After sharing photos and talking with the Board about the sweeper Poissant recommends to the board that this sweeper be purchased.

MOTION: Carter makes a motion to purchase a used 2004 street sweeper from CN Wood Co. Inc as stated in the bid for the base price of \$55000.00 with trade allowance of \$5000.00 totaling \$50000.00, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 3)**

Poissant distributes to the board a letter from the DEP and a copy of a check in the amount of \$1719.61 which is a recycling rebate (**document 4**). These checks used to go to the HRMC and mainly used to maintain roll off containers, however now for fairness it was decided they would come back to the individual Towns. Poissant will speak with the Town Accountant about setting up an account in which this funds could go into for maintenance and upkeep of containers etc.

Poissant distributes to the Board the Recycling Dividend program contract that needs to be signed. Ashfield will be receiving a grant this year in the amount of \$2100.00. Poissant will contact Joyce to set up an account to receive these funds into. These grant funds do not have to be used within the fiscal year and the contract contains a list of approved equipment and activities the money may be used for. **MOTION:** Coler makes a motion to authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board RDP Contract with the DEP, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 5)**

Poissant gives a quick overview of the happenings of the Highway Dept. sand shed is full of sand, sanders are ready to go when needed, road whips are 90% complete, most of the leaves have been blown off the dirt roads and will now be cleaning out the ditches and sides of the blacktop roads.

Crocker Communications: Handouts for presentation (**document 6**)

Bill Stathis, Jessica Thompson, and Matt Crocker are at the meeting to present their approach pertaining to Broadband. Bill Stathis explains that they are the Internet service provider for Leverett the Leverett project was 100% complete in August of 2015. He explains how the Leverett project was done having Holyoke Gas and Electric as the Network provider and Crocker as the Internet Service provider. Explaining who does what, how and when things get done. The fees for Leverett are offered three ways, Internet service alone \$24.95, Voice over phone \$24.95, or the bundle for \$39.95. Crocker does not offer TV and has no plans to in the future. The biggest and most important difference would be that the Town would own the Fiber optic Network if they went with the Crocker Model vs wired West model. Matt Crocker advises his family business based out of Greenfield would help build and run the Town owned network. Crocker Communications could and would serve as the ISP provider and also possible Network Operator, its up to the Town they would own it and would make these decisions. Matt Crocker continues by giving a background of the Crocker Communications Company

which is based out of Greenfield. Jessica Thompson would be the Ashfield point of contact if the Town was to choose this option of the Town owned Infrastructure. Jessica is a resident of Ashfield, she has students in the Sanderson School system and lives on March Rd. and would be available at any time for questions.

Tech Committee Recommendation for Northeast IT: Kulp would like to table this until Julliette is back.

Proposed website Maintenance: Julliette Jacobson had been into Town Hall and met with the staff regarding Website Maintenance. Kulp explains that the Town clerk may be interested in working on the website maintenance. Kulp felt this would not take more than an hour a week, was a simple job. Discussion will take place with the Town clerk.

Wired West Delegate Andy Smith discussion: Andy feels that this is the time that perhaps a Select board member with more say should serve in this position, therefore he would like to step down from this position.

MBI Wired West letters-discussion and responses: David Kulp chair of the IT Committee has drafted a letter to MBI (**document 7**) in response to a letter that was sent to Towns that they MBI will not support Wired West. The Sb reads the letter but feels that they would rather not sign the letter at this time. They agree the letter written by MBI asking the towns not to sign with Wired West at this time may have been handled in a better way, however it did get the attention they were hoping it would. David will sign the letter from the IT Committee.

Mail:

-Letter from Superintendents Office asking the 9 Town SB members to meet at his office to appoint someone to represent the Towns in the Teacher negotiations. Ron Coler will attend the meeting for Ashfield. (**document 8**)

-Copy of letter from David Newell to Smith Vocational School (**document 9**)

-letter from Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Service (**document 10**)

-Copy of a letter the Town of Colrain has sent to Stan Rosenburg. (**document 11**)

- Letter from FRCOG of a meeting on 12/15/2015 (**document 12**)

Public Comment: none

Next SB Meeting will be December 15, 2015

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM

Document List:

1. Agenda for 12/07/2015
2. Minutes of 11/23/2015
3. Bid from CN Wood Co. Inc for Street Sweeper
4. letter from the DEP and a copy of a check in the amount of \$1719.61
5. Recycling Dividend program contract
6. Handouts for presentation from Crocker Communications
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