

Town of Ashfield - Select Board

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2013

The Select Board Meeting was held on Wednesday March 27, 2013 at the Ashfield Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Tom Carter. There were 6 Audio recorders in use. Approximately 1 audience member were in attendance.

Select Board – Tom Carter-Chair, Paullette Leukhardt, Ron Coler

Executive Administrator- Mary Fitz-Gibbon

Scribe- Assistant Municipal Clerk Lynn Taylor

Joint meeting with Finance Committee- David Newell, Janet Rogers, Ricki Carroll, Tom Schreiber

Discussion regarding Vocational School enrollment. D. Newell is working on this issue and will continue and report back when he is through. There will be a gathering of other Vocational School Reps this Friday 3/29/2013 if anyone on the Select Board would like to attend they are welcome to do so.

Discussion regarding debt exclusion ballot question for the purchase of highway grader. The price of the grader will be between \$280,000.00 - \$300,000.00 Both Boards still questioning how to finance the grader.

Discussion regarding FEMA loan from Hurricane Irene the legislators are allowing this loan to be rolled over for ten years. The rate on the loan rate now is .59%. The Towns 12 1/2% portion of this loan after FEMA and MEMA pay their portion should be \$ 55,975.50.

Discussion regarding Town Hall Sub-Accounts. MOTION: R.Coler makes a motion to change the line Item of Town Hall Maintenance to Town Hall Expenses, seconded by T. Carter.

VOTE: R.Coler-aye, T. Cater-aye, P. Leukhardt-aye 3-0-0

MOTION: T. Carter makes a motion to eliminate Computer/Internet from Town Hall line establishing a new Information/Technology Expense Account. Finance Committee is in agreement.

VOTE: R. Coler-aye, T. Carter-aye, P. Leukhardt-aye. 3-0-0

Discussion regarding Town Hall Staffing requests, hours and positions. P. Leukhardt did some number crunching and stated the number \$24,459.00 would be the financial impact if the Town were to bring the three Town Hall positions up to thirty Hours per week with the requested wages. It was recommended that the Assistant Municipal Clerk also be made a salaried position. The Select Board will bring this up at Monday's meeting April 01, 2013.

The Select Board Agenda for April 01, 2013 will only contain minutes and budget discussion.

Finance Committee closed their meeting at 10:05 P.M.

Discussion of the Select Board concerning the wording of Debt Exclusion Ballot Question and the Employee Evaluation process.

Next Select Board meeting will be Monday April 01, 2013 @ 7:00 at Ashfield Town Hall

MOTION: R. Coler makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by P. Leukhardt.

VOTE: T. Carter-aye, P. Leukhardt-aye, R.Coler- aye. 3-0-0

Adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Taylor

Document List

1. Copy of Draft minutes dated March 27, 2013