

Town of Ashfield Select Board

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2013

The Select Board meeting was held on Monday June 10, 2013 at the Ashfield Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Tom Carter-Chair at 7:04 P.M. There were 5 audio and 1 video recorders in use. Approximately 6 audience members were in attendance.

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

Executive Administrator: Mary Fitz-Gibbon

Scribe: Assistant Municipal Clerk Lynn Taylor

Appointments:

Chief Droney, APD, presents his quotes to the Board in regards to the speed trailer. Quotes range from \$9,000.00- \$10,000.00 depending on how fancy the unit needs to be. The Chief received one quote for \$6,000.00, however that unit was not solar powered and was not able to download essential data. A discussion took place as to whether we should wait and try to fund the unit with a grant. MIIA has two grants with a deadline of July 1, 2013, one for \$5,000.00 and one for \$10,000.00 that the PD could try for. Mr. Perlman suggested maybe getting strips from the FRCOG laid out to gather data for speeding free of charge. Chief said that had been done in the past and it took around nine months to get them installed and no speeding data was retrieved. It was decided to put the purchase of a speed trailer in front of the Town at a Special Town Meeting.

MOTION: Leukhardt makes a motion to place an article on the June 26 Special Town Meeting warrant to see if the Town will vote to transfer up to \$10,000.00 from Vocational School Expenses to an account to be established for the purpose of purchasing a Police Department Traffic Speed Trailer, or act relative thereto, seconded by Coler. **VOTE:** Carter-aye, Leukhardt-aye, Coler-aye. Passes 3-0-0 (document 1)

Corporal Wilder had a discussion with the Board pertaining to her efforts trying to establish a Police Assoc. in order to do fundraisers etc. , the paper work to do this is very lengthy and complex. Wilder questioned whether it would be possible to use Town Counsel for this. Carter asked Fitz-Gibbon to get a quote from Town counsel as to how much this might cost.

Doug Field, EMD: Field requested the Board to appoint Kyle Taylor as an Assistant Emergency Management Director to work under him until such time as Field is ready to step down. Carter brought to Taylor's attention the time and effort that this would take, and questioned whether he had any experience in the field. The Board thanked Taylor for volunteering.

MOTION: Coler makes the motion to appoint Kyle Taylor as the Assistant Emergency Management Director, seconded by Leukhardt. **VOTE:** Carter-aye, Leukhardt-aye, Coler-aye. Passes 3-0-0

Doug Field and Dell Haskins are going to be making some changes to the siren on Town Hall. As soon as this is complete it needs to be posted and distributed out to the townspeople.

Bill Perlman, FRCOG, is present to give the Board an overview of the Memorandum of Agreement By and Between Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the Franklin County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee and the Users of the Franklin County Emergency Communication System; and the Memorandum of Agreement By and Between Hampshire Council of Governments and Hampshire County Emergency Communication System Oversight Committee and the Users of the Hampshire County Emergency Communication System. Both MOA's need to be signed by the Board. Coler thanks Perlman for coming to explain.

MOTION: Coler makes the motion to sign both MOA's entitled Memorandum of Agreement By and Between Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the Franklin County Emergency Communication System oversight Committee and the users of the Franklin County Emergency Communication System (document 2); and the Memorandum of Agreement By and Between Hampshire Council of Governments and Hampshire County Emergency Communication System oversight and the users of the Hampshire County Emergency Communication System(document3), seconded by Leukhardt. **VOTE:** Carter-aye, Coler-aye, Leukhardt-aye. Passes 3-0-0

David Newell and Poppy Doyle discussed with the Board their progress with Vocational and Technical School oversight. They said they would be having a meeting with the other member Town reps. on June 20, 2013. Newell will be drafting another letter to the Franklin County Technical School. He will bring it to the Board when drafted. It was expressed by the Board to be careful not to call themselves a "committee" as they are working under the Finance Committee. Newell requested that he and Doyle have the ability to review all Vocational bills prior to payments being made.

MOTION: Leukhardt makes a motion for David Newell of the Finance Committee in conjunction with Poppy Doyle to review all Vocational bills for both Educational and Transportation prior to payments being made, seconded by Coler. **VOTE:** Carter-aye, Leukhardt-aye, Coler-aye. Passes 3-0-0

Minutes:

Leukhardt expresses her concerns regarding minutes not having enough information in them. Carter and Coler feel that there is enough information included. There are a few amendments to the minutes.

Minutes of 3/18/2013 **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to accept the minutes of 3/18/2013 as amended, seconded by Coler. **VOTE:** Carter-aye, Leukhardt-no, Coler-aye. Passes 2-1-0 (document 4)

Minutes of 6/03/2013 **MOTION:** Carter makes a motion to accept the minutes of 6/03/2013 as amended, seconded by Coler. **VOTE:** Carter-aye, Leukhardt-no, Coler-aye. Passes 2-1-0 (document 5)

Old Business:

Town Common agreement and care: Carter reads agreement pertaining to maintenance of Town Common and it's determined that reseeding and maintenance of the grass is permitted. Carter also reads into the minutes a letter from Molly Robinson (document 12) concerning Town Common and its upkeep.

Appointment of Representative to the Franklin Regional Council of Governments:

MOTION: Coler makes a motion to appoint Mary Fitz-Gibbon as a Representative to the Franklin County Regional Council of Governments, seconded by Carter. **VOTE:** Carter-aye, Leukhardt-aye, Coler-aye. Passes 3-0-0

New Business:

Special Town Meeting Warrant: Discussion of a Special Town Meeting slated for June 26, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. containing 3 articles. (document 6)

MOTION: Coler makes a motion to sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant with the 3 articles as discussed, seconded by Leukhardt. **VOTE:** Carter-aye, Coler-aye, Leukhardt-aye. Passes 3-0-0

MOTION: Carter makes a motion to add an Article 4 to Special Town Meeting Warrant to transfer from Grant Program Income up to \$2,500.00 to an account to be established for maintenance and seeding of Town Common, seconded by Leukhardt. **VOTE:** Carter-aye, Leukhardt-aye, Coler-aye. Passes 3-0-0

Liaison Reports:

Highway: Poissant is working on gathering bids for the new grader, sure numbers will be in line with what was appropriated at Town Meeting. Gravel roads a little behind schedule due to weather and being shorthanded. Poissant is looking into hiring some kids for summer help.

Fire: Leukhardt needs to check with Chief Haskins to see if the new Fire Truck had been back for its minor repairs yet.

Coler attended his first Long-Range Planning Committee meeting this past Thursday. Coler found the meeting interesting; one of the things they discussed was the Committees charges and authorities.

Coler has contacted Alden Gray and Decker Machine Works regarding the Board's June 29, 2013 site-meeting at the Dam and The Field, Coler will contact Phil Nolan also. Coler would like to be put on the agenda for June 24, 2013 for protocol having to do with the June 29, 2013 Meeting.

Coler will be having a liaison meeting with Town Hall Staff next Monday June 17, 2013.

Mail:

Letter from Ted Murray to Chief Droney (document 7)

Mass Historical Commission will be meeting June 27, 2013 with Ashfield Historical Commission at Town Hall

OML Complaint determination from the Attorney General's Office, filed by Suzanne Corbett, dated May 29, 2013 (document 8)

Copy of Letter drafted by Town Counsel in response to complaint filed by Suzanne Corbett dated June 5, 2013 (document 9A)

Copy of letter drafted by Town Counsel in response to complaint filed by Deb Nicholson dated June 5, 2013. (document 9B)

Letter from Lenny Roberts to DEP dated May 30, 2013 (document 10)

Leukhardt distributed to the Board members two e-mails she personally received from Deb Nicholson.

1. E-mail from Deb Nicholson, "Ashfield House Concerns for Possible Investigation dated 6-9-2013(document 11A)
2. E-mail from Deb Nicholson, "Non-Notification of Apartment Cleanser/Chemical Applications dated 6-6-2013.(document 11B)

Document List

1. Draft copy of Special Town Meeting for June 26, 2013
2. Memorandum of Agreement By and Between Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the Franklin County Emergency Communication System oversight Committee and the users of the Franklin County Emergency Communication System
3. Memorandum of Agreement By and Between Hampshire Council of Governments and Hampshire County Emergency Communication System oversight and the users of the Hampshire County Emergency Communication System
4. Amended minutes of 3/18/2013
5. Amended minutes of 6/03/2013
6. Draft copy of Special Town Meeting for June 26, 2013
7. Letter from Ted Murray to Chief Droney
8. OML Complaint determination from the Attorney General's Office, filed by Suzanne Corbett dated May 29, 2013
9. Copy of Letter drafted by Town Counsel in response to complaint filed by Suzanne Corbett dated June 5, 2013 (document 9A) Copy of letter drafted by Town Counsel in response to complaint filed by Deb Nicholson dated June 5, 2013. (document 9B)
10. Letter from Lenny Roberts to DEP dated May 30, 2013
11. E-mails from Deb Nicholson that were sent to Paultette Leukhardt's personal email(documents 11A and 11B)
12. Letter from Molly Robinson
13. Draft copy of amended minutes 6/10/2013

NOTE: These draft minutes were discussed, amended, and approved at the Select Board meeting dated 6/17/2013 and filed in the folder of actual date of said minutes.