

Town of Ashfield - Select Board

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2013

The Select Board meeting was held on Wednesday March 4, 2013 at the Ashfield Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Paullette Leukhardt. There were five audio recorders in use and one video recorder in use. Approximately five audience members were in attendance.

Select Board – Paullette Leukhardt Vice chair, Ron Coler

Executive Administrator – Mary Fitz-Gibbon

Minutes

Leukhardt suggested putting changes to draft minutes into the current minutes. Coler felt that would be a discussion to have when Carter was present.

Minutes 11/28/12 - MOTION: A motion was made by Coler to accept the minutes of November 28, 2012 as amended, seconded by Leukhardt. **VOTE: Leukhardt – Aye, Coler – Aye** (Document 1 – Draft copy of 11/28/12 minutes with changes)

Leukhardt went through the minutes as follows: Minutes 12/5/12 – needs a document list, Minutes 12/12/12 – needs a document list, Minutes 12/19/12- approved text, needs a document list, Minutes 1/2/13- approved text, needs a document list, Minutes 1/9/12 – needs a document list, Minutes 1/16 – No Draft, Minutes 7/25/12 – needs a document list, Minutes 8/23/12 – No Draft

Minutes 2/20/13 - MOTION: A motion was made by Leukhardt to accept the minutes of February 20, 2013 as amended, seconded by Leukhardt. **VOTE: Leukhardt – Aye, Coler- Aye** (Document 2- Draft copy of 2/20/13 minutes with changes)

Minutes 2/13/13 - MOTION: A motion was made by Coler to accept the minutes of February 13, 2013 as amended, seconded by Leukhardt. **VOTE: Leukhardt - Aye, Coler- Aye** (Document 3 – Draft copy of 2/13/13 minutes with changes)

Old Business

Review FRCOG Procurement Services Survey and Use: (Document 4 - #2 Fuel Oil, Gasoline and Diesel FY2014) - Table to 3/5 meeting

Review Motions and Talking Point version of the posted Warrant for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 13 (Document 5 - Draft Copy) – Leukhardt believed that t no votes were taken for the Town Caucus Warrant or the Special Town Meeting Warrant at the last meeting. Mary Fitz-Gibbon to follow up with town counsel. Discussion on who would present which articles. Tabled to next meeting for further discussion.

Liaison Reports

Coler - Informal meeting between Select Board members and MTRSD School Committee was rescheduled since Bob Ashbach (Chair of MTRSD School Committee) could not attend. Present were Joe Judd (Shelburne), Kevin Fox (Buckland) Sheila Litchfield (Heath) and Coler. An email from Emily Robertson stated that the approved School Committee budget will bring the Ashfield assessment up an additional \$14,000 from amounts previously stated.

Leukhardt shared that the grant application has been denied but he will be able to reapply in July.

Mail

Letter from Suzanne Corbett (Document 6) - Ms. Corbett's letter was a reminder to the Board to be more specific regarding agenda items on the meeting posting. Coler stated that he appreciated the letter but did not agree with the letter. Leukhardt shared an upcoming Open Meeting Law seminar on May 15, 2013- 6-8 p.m. at FRCOG. Coler would like chair of the Select Board to extend the invite to all Committee/Board Chair's.

Public Comment

Bill Perlman spoke regarding current politics and the recent pressure from certain citizens on local boards and organizations. He also spoke of the new health district being proposed by FRCOG,

Betty Stewart also spoke of the recent pressure from certain citizens that forced the town to lose thousands of dollars in grant monies.

Discussion

FRCOG contract for accounting services – Mary has been in contact with Bob Dean and will reach out again in the effort to get a final contract.

Coler asked that Kachina Yuryan, the Sanderson Retaining Wall and the Ashfield Lake dam all be put on a future agenda.

MOTION: A motion was made by Coler to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Leukhardt.

VOTE: Leukhardt- Aye, Coler- Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Morse

Document List

1. Draft Copy of Minutes November 28, 2012 with Changes
2. Draft Copy of Minutes February 20, 2013 with Changes
3. Draft Copy of Minutes February 13, 2013 with Changes
4. FRCOG #2 Fuel Oil, Gasoline, and Diesel FY2014 Dated: February 15, 2013
5. Motions and Talking Point Version of STM Warrant (March 13, 2013)
6. Letter from Suzanne Corbett re: Agenda items being more specific
7. Draft copy of minutes March 4, 2013 as amended.