

Town of Ashfield Select Board

Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2013

The Select Board meeting was held on Monday April 29, 2013 at the Ashfield Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Tom Carter –Chair at 7:02 P.M. There were Audio Recorders in use. Approximately 4 audience members were in attendance.

Select Board: Tom Carter-Chair, Paulette Leukhardt, Ron Coler

Executive Administrator: Mary Fitz-Gibbon

Scribe- Assistant Municipal Clerk: Lynn Taylor

Minutes

Select Board Minutes of April 11, 2013: Leukhardt expresses her concern with the minutes not having enough information. She feels the Board is “walking a fine line” with the amount of detail not being put into the minutes.

MOTION: Carter makes a motion to accept the minutes of April 11, 2013, seconded by Coler. Carter-aye, Coler-aye, Leukhardt- no. **VOTE: 2-1-0**

Select Board minutes of April 22, 2013

Coler makes a motion to accept the minutes of April 22, 2013, seconded by Carter. Carter-aye, Coler-aye, Leukhardt-aye. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Appointments:

Steve Gougeon, Bear Swamp Orchards: Presented to the Board his plans for selling hard cider at the Farmers Market. The Board agrees to issue a license for Steve to sell hard cider at the Farmers Market.

MOTION: Leukhardt makes a motion to issue Steve Gougeon of Bear Swamp Orchards a license to sell hard cider at the Farmers Market, seconded by Coler. Carter-aye, Leukhardt-aye, Coler-aye. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Lenny Roberts of Roberts Brothers Lumber and Richard Wise of Northeast Kingdom Renewables presented to the Board their plans for the proposed Gasifier, also discussion of the Economic Development Incentive Program. Roberts distributes to the Board a drawing of the proposed buildings to be built. (document 1) Roberts states he hopes to be making power by the end of 2013.

AWWTP Sewer Commissioner Todd Olanyk present for HCOG Solar Energy and Net Metering Credit Purchase and Sales Agreement discussion. Handout explaining the program. (document 2) Brian Clark distributes a draft letter for Town Meeting Article 11 explaining Solar Energy and Net Metering. (document 3)

Old Business:

General discussion of FY 14 Budget and Annual Town Meeting:

Tamara Sloan had a request to hand out flyers at Annual Town Meeting regarding the school budget. The Board states she has to be 150 ft from Town Hall to distribute flyers.

A student from MIT requested being present at Town Meeting to do a survey. The Board states she has to be 150 ft from Town Hall to conduct the survey.

Loan rates for the new grader could be as follows: 1Yr note .06%, 2Yr note 1.3%, 3Yr note 2.0%.

New Business:

Ashfield Community Theater is requesting a waiver of the insurance portion of the Town Hall Use Application requiring 1/3 million of coverage, and allowing their previously acceptable 1/1 million coverage as they are very far along in their planning and about to start rehearsals at Town Hall.

MOTION: Coler makes a motion to waive the new 1/3 insurance requirement as stated in the Town Hall Use Application for ACT, seconded by Leukhardt. Carter-aye, Coler-aye, Leukhardt-aye. **VOTE:3-0-0**

Police Department has bikes they would like to get rid of. The Chief would like to know what is the process for doing this. After Town Meeting the Board will put the word out to other departments and committees to see if they have anything to get rid of and compile a list for the Treasurer/Collector and advertise them.

David Newell drafted a letter to the Franklin County Technical School which Carter-Chair signs.

Coler drafted a letter (document 4) to all Committees and Boards regarding upcoming FRCOG Open Meeting Law training.

MOTION: Leukhardt makes a motion for the Board to sign the letter to all Boards and Committees regarding the FRCOG Open Meeting Law training, seconded by Coler. Carter-aye, Coler-aye, Leukhardt-aye. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Review and discussion of proposed FCCIP Fee Changes. Coler will report back to the Board after the FCCIP meeting.

Appointment of Brendon Gray as an Election worker

MOTION: Coler makes a motion to appoint Brendon Gray as an Election Worker, seconded by Leukhardt. Carter-aye, Leukhardt-aye, Coler-aye. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Liaison Reports:

The new Fire Truck will be delivered by Saturday morning in time for Annual Town Meeting.

Tom Poissant received 14 applications for the highway job, interviews will be starting. Tom Poissant still feels good with the amount allowed for cost of the grader. After Annual Town Meeting Carter will get together with Tom Poissant regarding a Town employee.

At the end of the meeting Leukhardt started a discussion regarding the Select Board Report written by Carter in the 2012 Annual Town Report. Leukhardt stated the report distresses her and felt it was inappropriate to call out individuals in a Town Report. She stated it was unprofessional and said she thinks people want someone to lead in a positive way. Carter replies that next year's Town Report will have room for improvement. Coler feels there is nothing wrong with the way the report was written.

MOTION: Coler makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Leukhardt. Carter-aye, Coler-aye, Leukhardt-aye. **VOTE: 3-0-0**

Adjourned at 9:40 P.M

Document List

1. Drawing of proposed buildings to be constructed by Roberts Brothers Lumber
2. HCOG Solar Energy and Net Metering Credit handout
3. Draft explanation of Article #11 for Annual Town Meeting
4. Letter to all Boards and Committees regarding OML Training
5. Draft minutes of April 11, 2013
6. Amended draft minutes of April 22,2013

NOTE: these draft minutes were discussed and approved as amended at the May 13, 2013 Select Board meeting.