

Town of Ashfield
Select Board Minutes

June 30, 2014

The Ashfield Select Board meeting was held on Monday June 16, 2014 at the Ashfield Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. There were approximately 4 audience members in attendance. There were 5 audio recorders in use.

Previous Select Board meeting was June 16, 2014.

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

Executive Administrator: Mary Fitz-Gibbon

Assistant Municipal Clerk/Scribe: Lynn Taylor

Meeting was called to order by Tom Carter-Chair at 7:00 P.M.

Agenda for 6/30/2014 (**document 1**)

Payroll and Vendor Warrants:

Payroll Warrant WP14-27 dated June 30, 2014(**document 2**)

Vendor Warrant W14-27 dated June 30, 2014(**document 3**)

Vendor Warrant W15-1 dated June 30, 2014 (**document 4**)

Minutes:

Minutes of 6/02/2014 (error in posted agenda minutes should have been 6/16/2014 will be moved to next SB meeting)

Appointments:

Marcine Eisenberg Chair of Belding Memorial Library is requesting that the Librarian Martha Cohen be moved from an hourly position to a salaried position; upon her 6-month review, the Board feels Martha has exceeded all of their expectations. We feel making this change would be a reflection of her professionalism and our confidence in her ability to do her job.

MOTION: Olanyk makes a motion to change the Librarian position from hourly to a salaried position as reflected in in the FY15 Budget, seconded by Carter.

VOTE: 2-0-0 Coler absent

Marcine brings the Board update on a few things the Library are working on plans on creating a young adult section in the Library, working with the Green Communities Committee in regards to heating and changes to the existing system, 100Th Anniversary Centennial Committee working on plans for the Celebration.

New Business:

Town Hall use application for the Belding Memorial Library on August 23, 2014. **(document 5)**

MOTION: Carter makes a motion to approve the Town Hall use application for Belding Memorial Library on August 23, 2014 as submitted, seconded by Olanyk.

VOTE: 2-0-0 Coler absent

FRCOG Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Advisory Committee: Carter reads the appoint request letter into the record discussion of finding a candidate for the position will take a couple of weeks. **(document 6)**

Wired West letter requesting support for H3770, IT Bond bill for the last mile of broad- band connection: **(Document 7)** **MOTION:** Olanyk makes a motion to sign the letter encouraging MBI to work closely with Wired West, seconded by Carter.

VOTE: 2-0-0

Ashfield Community Preschool financial assistance request letter: **(document 8)** Carter reads the letter into the record. Nancy Hoff Chair of Ashfield Community Preschool is present for the discussion regarding the preschool and its need for some support from the Town. It is Hoff's understanding that year's ago the Preschool was able to get some assistance from the Town through certain special funds setup within Town. Nancy Hoff will draft a letter to the district explaining that the preschool is a huge asset to the entire district. Olanyk would like to get the dialog opened up on the issue of funding for the preschool.

Coler left a memorandum regarding length of appointment terms with the Town Hall Employees. **(document 9)**

Re-appointments Effective July 1, 2014 for Town Boards Committees and Employees. drafted by Town Clerk: **(Document 10)** Appointment list is reviewed.

MOTION: Carter makes a motion to approve the appointment list for FY 15 as amended, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 2-0-0 Coler absent**

Request for transfer of funds from Fire Department Utilities to Fire Department Expense in the amount of \$1,000.00 (**document 11**) and Request for transfer of funds from Highway Fuel to General Highway in the amount of \$5,000.00(**document 12**)

MOTION: Carter makes a motion authorize and sign the Highway Department transfer request form for \$5000.00 from Highway Fuel to General Highway, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 2-0-0 Coler absent**

MOTION: Carter makes a motion to authorize and sign the Fire Department transfer request form for \$1000.00 from Fire Department Utilities to Fire Department Expense, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 2-0-0 Coler absent**

Liaison Reports:

-Olanyk reports that the Highway Department has advertised for summer help.
-Carter reports that Chief Wilder has started her new Hrs. One of the officers she had hired to fill a certain shift can no longer fill that shift. The Select Board has received a letter from former Chief Droney congratulating the Board and Wilder for her appointment to Chief of Ashfield Police Department. Carter reads the letter into the record. (**document 13**)

-Tuesday Carter went to his first Personnel Board meeting they have set a date to review Police chief job description the meeting will be July 10, 2014

-July 28, 2014 the Select Board will meet with the Personnel Board to review Personnel Board policies and procedures manual. If more time is needed we will meet on the 29th.

-FRCOG Inspection Program meeting will be July 24, 2014 at GCC Olanyk will attend the meeting.

Mail:

-e-mail from Kinder Morgan stating that they will be in Town in the next few weeks conducting surveys for the proposed pipeline some of the surveys may be done by helicopter. (**document 14**)

-Lots of letters and e-mails regarding Town Hall Steeple both for and opposed to the antenna's see file.

-Letter from the Inspector General regarding a routine review of all job titles with the Chief Procurement Officer according to M.G.L. cB. Section 19 (**document 15**)

-Fitz –Gibbon reports the switch has been switched on the Nexamp Solar Farm in Hadley. We should start to see the discount on our electric bills.

- Two Letters from the Attorney General's Office. Response letter to Suzanne Corbett dated June 16, 2014 regarding a complaint filed on or about April 9, 2014(**document 16**)

Request for information to Donna MacNicol regarding three complaints field by Paulette Leukhardt on June 9, 2014. (**document 17**)

Fitz-Gibbon explained that five OML Complaints are now being appealed.

There was a discussion regarding the radio system. This weekend the dispatch center was not able to send out any tones for Ashfield, therefore Del had to be called at home to respond to a call in Town. Bill Perlman explains how serious this radio problem is for Ashfield. Perlman will keep the Board posted with this radio issue. Perlman also spoke in regards to the Plainfield Tower and where they were in that process. After July 1, 2014, they will start to order what is needed for the tower.

Perlman also advised the Board that prior to STM he had entered into negotiations with a large-scale company and he is going to continue with the negotiations.

Next Select Board meeting will be July 14, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Public Comment:

Paulette Leukardt suggested that nothing be attached to the pillars of the steeple over time the pillars behind whatever is attached could rot out the pillars.

MOTION: Olanyk makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carter. **VOTE 2-0-0**

Adjourned @ 9:22 P.M.

Document List

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4. Vendor Warrant W15-1 dated June 30, 2014
5. Town Hall use Application for Belding Memorial Library for August 23, 2014.
6. FRCOG Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Advisory Committee request letter.
7. Wired West letter requesting support for H3770, It Bond bill for the last mile of broad- band connection:
8. Ashfield Community Preschool financial assistance request letter

9. Memorandum from Ron Coler
10. Reappointments Effective July 1, 2014 for Town Boards Committees and Employees. drafted by Town Clerk
11. Request for transfer of funds from Fire Department Utilities to Fire Department Expense in the amount of \$1,000.00
12. Request for transfer of funds from Highway Fuel to General Highway in the amount of \$5,000.00
13. Letter from former Police Chief Droney congratulating Chief Wilder and the Town.
14. e-mail from Kinder Morgan
15. Letter from the Inspector General regarding a routine review
16. Response letter to Suzanne Corbett dated June 16, 2014 regarding a complaint filed on or about April 9, 2014
17. Request for information to Donna MacNicol regarding three complaints filed by Paulette Leukhardt on June 9, 2014.
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Note: These minutes were discussed, amended, and approved at the Select Board meeting dated 7/14/2014 and filed in the folder of the actual date of the said minutes

APPROVED AS AMENDED 7/14/2014 2-0-1