

## **SELECT BOARD MINUTES September 21, 2009**

Present: Select Board members Tom Ulrich and Dave DeHerd  
Town Administrator Maryellen Cranston

Approximately 100 residents

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm.

**Town Hall Use** – Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the use of town hall by the Ashfield Film Festival on September 26, 2009 for \$85 (\$60 + \$25 floor fee) subject to the required notifications. Vote was unanimous.

**Signatures** – Tom signed paperwork for a grant for the senior center from the state. Tom and Dave signed the warrant for the October 20 election.

**Computer** – Dave said that Geoffrey Precourt should return the computer. The town will take the responsibility for making the computer right and returning it to him.

**Police** – Also present were Sgt. Kristina Nunez, Officer Joe Cliché, Officer Mike Curtis, Officer Steve Wood and Officer Jarek Konopko. Dave addressed the police department. He acknowledged the stress they have been working under. He said that the Board wants to make sure everyone is on the same page. He said the officers need to make sure they provide a written acknowledgement that they have read and understand the policies implemented in 2005 by October 7. He said they should always appear in public in the uniform they were wearing at that moment. He said the Ken Chow has been appointed as the police liaison for the Board. He is to be treated the same as if one of the Board members would walk in to the department.

Sgt. Nunez stated that the officers had already signed they have read and reviewed the policies from 2005.

**Cell Towers** – Discussion occurred regarding the history and challenges of trying to get cell phone coverage for Ashfield. Residents who volunteered to be on the committee are Betty Stewart, Doug Cranson, David King and David Newell. A notice will be placed in the Ashfield News to see if other residents are interested in joining the committee.

Motion was made, and seconded, to go into executive session per MGL Chapter 39, S. 23B to discuss strategy sessions in preparations for negotiations with non-union personnel. The Board will reconvene in open session. Roll call vote: Tom, aye; Dave, aye

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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A question was asked concerning Ken Chow riding with the officers. Dave said that the ride along program is available to any member of the public.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Town Administrator