

SELECT BOARD MINUTES May 27, 2010

Present: Dave DeHerdt, Norm Russell
Absent: Doug Field

Also Present: David King, Paulette Leukhardt, Suzanne Corbett, Rikki Carroll, Andrew Wells, Kerry J. Kosla, Assistant Attorney General (AAG).

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am in the lower floor meeting room of the Ashfield Town Hall.

Fire Department Grant

The board discussed the grant that the Fire Department is submitting in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the purchase of a new fire truck. The grant terms require that the Town agree that it will contribute five percent (5%) of any grant amount if awarded to the Fire Department. Public comments were taken. Most focused on the maximum amount the Town would be committed to paying if the full grant was awarded. Dave stated that the maximum contribution for the Town, under to terms of the grant, would be \$10,000.00. Motion was made by Norm and seconded by Dave that the Town would contribute five percent of the total grant amount if it were to be awarded to Ashfield Fire Dept. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Windmill Siting Issue

Andrew Wells of Bailey Road requested that the Board send a letter to our legislative representatives opposing House Bill 4687 which relates to approving of windmill sites. It was agreed that Norm would explore this further.

Motion was made and seconded to continue the meeting at the Belding Upper Park. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Belding Park Restoration Site Visit

At the upper park, the Select board was joined by Park Commissioners (Nina Coler, Pat Thayer), Highway Superintendant Tom Poissant, Tom Cranston, Cynthia Cranston, Ron Coler, William Thayer.

A walk-through was conducted of the Buildings on the upper park. A brief history of the park, the park buildings and past use of the upper park was made to the AAG. The AAG was shown the portion of the park that was being restored to park land. The Park Commissioners reported that the restoration was almost complete. Some discussion occurred regarding the scope of the restoration work proposed and the total cost to complete the restoration. Dave stated that the issue was no longer whether the Town was in compliance with the terms of the original bequest of the park land. Instead, the question now is the scope of the required restoration and the cost for such restoration. The AAG said she would propose a written agreement to town counsel within 30 days.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Minutes prepared by,
Dave DeHerdt