

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes

Date: August 27, 2014

Members Present: Janet Flinkstrom, Mike McCallum and Steve Ingerson

Time: 7:10 p.m.

2) Selectmen approve minutes of August 13, 2014 as recorded.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: JF/MM - Aye
SI - Abstain

3) Warrant #W07P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$52,941.07 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: JF/MM - Aye
SI – Abstain

4) Warrant #W08B approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$79,721.50 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: JF/MM - Aye
SI - Abstain

Discussion re: Historical Society Book Project (Alan Pease):

Alan Pease – Historical Society working on images of America Project. Would like photos from private parties & also from Town to use in book.

5) Motion to release Town photos to the Historical Society for use in the Images of America Project; photos to be returned to the Town ASAP.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

6) Motion to approve the following Ambulance Insurance Contractual Write-offs for the period from March, 2014 through June, 2014 (Town Accountant):

- ❖ March, 2014 - \$11,189.02
- ❖ April, 2014 - \$16,275.20
- ❖ May, 2014 - \$8,946.87
- ❖ June, 2014 - \$7,673.83
- ❖ Total of \$44,084.92

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

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7) Motion to approve and sign on Comstar Write-offs for \$3,199.45 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

8) Motion to open Public Hearing for an All Alcoholic Restaurant License Application, 873 Roadhouse, LLC, 873 Main Street at 7:30 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

Rene Rainville described proposed operation of restaurant. Cedwyn Morgan is in favor of 11:00 a.m. opening time. Anne Reggio (abutter) in favor of application. Susan Bates (abutter) in favor of application. Cedwyn Morgan says the Unitarian/Universalist Church voted to take no action. Bob Hanson (Town Administrator) says we need a finding that Restaurant with Alcohol License not detrimental to Ashby Elementary School or either church. JF asks if anyone else will speak. No one else wants to.

9) Motion to close the Public Hearing for an All Alcoholic Restaurant License Application, 873 Roadhouse, LLC, 873 Main Street at 7:42 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

10) Motion to determine that the proposed license would not be detrimental to the educational or spiritual activities of the Ashby Elementary School, Ashby Congregational Church or the 1st Parish Unitarian/Universalist Church.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

11) Motion to approve the license application and sign Form 43 to be dispatched to the ABCC.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

Rene thanks Bob Hanson for his help with the application and thanks the BOS.

Northeast Municipal Gas Pipeline Coalition Update (Cathy Kristofferson & Tara Friedrichs):

Discussion by TF & CK about Town of Groton BOS letter & vote to prevent Gas Pipeline survey work until FERC process is completed. 1 citizen in favor of pipeline because his experience is that it is a “money maker” and not a problem. Lillian Whitney concerned about earthquakes & pipeline. BOS will put on next meeting agenda 9/10 to vote on motion similar to Groton motion (attached).

Revised Agreement for Paramedic Intercept Services: Short discussion about why Ashburnham wants the text removed that says they are paid only after Ashby collects the money. Essentially they can ask any terms.

12) Motion to sign on Revised Agreement for Paramedic Intercept Services with Ashburnham.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Steve Ingerson Vote: Unan

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Discussion re: EMS Coverage and Overtime (Fire Chief)

Chief explains that overtime is being split between Fire & EMS. Overtime budget began by a guess at what would be required. Dept. used to have 26 EMTs but is down to 14 because of various reasons (resignations, retirement, a death, etc.). 3 new EMTs are just beginning training and will be up to speed in about 6 months.

Discussion of response times: The average yearly response time for Ashby ambulance is 9.5 minutes. Reminder that the ambulance is about 10 years old and will soon need replacement. Also that to provide 24/7 EMT service would require changes to the Fire Station as well as more personnel. Fire Chief then described response to MV accident (picture attached). Patient successfully transported to UMass Memorial in Worcester.

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman:

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report: Read by SI and available on Ashby Website.

Public Comments (if any):

13) Motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum

Seconded: Steve Ingerson

Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____