

Draft Minutes
Town of Ashland Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
101 Main Street Ashland

July 12, 2016 – 2PM

Present: Magnani, Mitchell, Hakansson, Greaves

Michael Herbert, Town Manager, Jenn Ball, Assistant Town Manager

Chairman Magnani called the meeting to Order

Chairman Magnani announced that the agenda has an error on it and the Board would not be entering executive session for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Chairman Magnani made the following motion: I move pursuant to G.L. c. 30A sec 21(a)(3), that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation. As the Chair, I have determined that the public discussion of which will have a detrimental impact on the litigating position of the Board.

Second: YG

Roll Call Vote:

Magnani: Yes, Mitchell: Yes, Hakansson: Yes, Greaves: Yes

Chairman Magnani announced that the Board will not be coming back out into open session.

Michael Herbert and Jenn Ball discussed two reports commissioned by the Board. One on blasting and one on the impact of stormwater on the culvert.

Michael Herbert stated that the blasting issue is rather straightforward. The blasting report makes several recommendations and Herbert advised he was not endorsing the blasting permit until those recommendations were incorporated into the blasting plan.

Herbert then discussed two options regarding the stormwater report. The first option involved the Town Manager trying to negotiate with Campanelli Thorndike to revise their stormwater management plan to eliminate any additional volume coming off the site. Herbert explained this would be difficult because the permit had already been issued and was made more complicated by the citizens lawsuit.

Herbert then explained the second option, which was to file an injunction in the proper court. This would stop work in time for the town to prepare a Notice of Project Change memo to MEPA on the premise that the new information constituted a Project Change.

There was general consensus that the best course of action at this time was to try to negotiate an agreement with the developer and not file an injunction at this time.

Roll call vote to adjourn

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