



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMAN

Minutes

March 15, 2017 – 7:00PM

Town Hall

Vision Statement - The Town of Ashland will be a prosperous and fiscally sound community with a full range of housing, business, cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities in a safe and attractive environment for residents and visitors.

Mission Statement - The Ashland Board of Selectmen is dedicated to promoting responsible fiscal management, advocating for sustainable development & growth and providing excellent municipal services which will enhance the quality of life in our diverse community. The Ashland Board of Selectmen is committed to providing clear goals and objectives for Town management and creating effective engagement and public participation with residents, state legislators and other elected officials in order to achieve our mission.

Call Meeting to Order

Joe Magnani called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present at the meeting were Vice-Chair Joe Magnani, Yolanda Greaves, Steve Mitchell, Town Manager Michael Herbert and Assistant Town Manager Jenn Ball.

Joe Magnani announced that the meeting was be taped and broadcast live on WACA TV.

Joe Magnani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen's Participation

Joel Arbeitman announced that the Upper Charles Trails Committee has hired professional engineering firm to create a trail and the public forum is scheduled for March 30th at 7:00 the Community Center and he encourages everyone to attend. Secondly Joel asked for update on the status of complete street including paving projects and adding additional sidewalks.

Scheduled Hearings/Appearances

One Day License – Upper Cuts – Open House – March 25, 2017

Yolanda Greaves made a motion to approve the 1 day license for an Open House at Upper Cuts with the stipulation that we get the exact hours of the event. This motion was seconded by Steve Mitchell with a unanimous vote of 4-0-0.

One Day License – North Star Lodge – Scholarship Fundraiser – April 1, 2017

Yolanda allow the 1 day north star lodge for April 1 from 7 to 11 with the stipulation that the liquor policy and sign off are completed prior. This was seconded by Steve Mitchell with a unanimous vote of 4-0-0.

Changes in Recycling Program – Doug Small

Michael Herbert explained that the suggested changes are a result of the issue of recycling that blows around resulting from the current open bins we use. Michael said that each household will be receive 96-gallon cart should arrive in mid-July.

Carl Hakansson wanted to know if the bin is the only size that is being distributed.

Yolanda Greaves wants to know if you can still use your own barrel which it was explained you may not. The new bins will be picked up using a truck with an arm so you would have to purchase an additional bin if needed. Yolanda also wanted to understand how the bins get replaced or repaired which it was explained this would be taken care of by Waste Management. Is there a weight limit and the reply was no.

David Miller explained that if someone would like to opt out of the program they need to do this annually by completing an application and providing proof on rubbish disposal.

Steve Mitchell mentioned that he understands that each resident that requests an extra cart must pay for it but he also wanted to know if the household would also be charged 11.00 per month which Michael Herbert confirmed.

Joel Arbeitman wants to know what residents will do with the current bins and David Miller explained that we will have dumpsters in town for the disposal of these bins.

Roadway Traffic Safety Committee Presentation – Stop Signs

Sgt. Burman explained that the biggest complaint that the committee has received is speeding. Sgt. Burman explained that at Town Meeting the community will be asked to adopt chapter 218 section 193 & 194 which will also the committee to reduce the speed limit in a thickly settled area from 30 mph to 25 mph.

Sgt. Burman explained that the Road Traffic Safety Committee is recommending adding 2 - 3 way stops. These 3 way stops would be at Lafollette Road/Olive Street and Morey Drive/Olive Street. He explained that these signs would be temporary to test it out and see if it works. Sgt. Burman explained that a traffic study was done and they found that currently 85% perfect results came back with vehicles traveling 33 mph and the road is 25 mph.

Ruth Hanning 65 Olive Street submitted a petition that had been presented to the Planning Board in August 2014. Ruth also wanted to understand how we will know if the stop signs are working which Sgt. Burman explained they would do a traffic study and review the data.

Eugene Lifshits, 78 Olive Street wanted to understand how much longer Aggregate would be moving material in and out of the Aggregate.

Steve Mitchell made a motion to approve the additional stop signs on a trial basis at Lafollette Road/Olive Street and Morey Drive/Olive Street and that the traffic be monitored by officers. This motion was seconded by Yolanda Greaves with a unanimous vote of 4-0-0.

Consent Agenda.

Accept the Regular Session Minutes from February 1, 2017.

Steve Mitchell made a motion to accept the regular session minutes from February 1, 2017. This motion was seconded by Yolanda Greaves with a unanimous vote of 4-0-0,

Old / New Business

Ashland Public Library

Carl Hakansson shared the legacy of the Schiesske Family and explained that the Estate of Robert Earl Schiesske donated \$20,000.00 to the Ashland Public Library. The board discussed the fact that they needed to take a vote to accept the donation.

Steve Mitchell made a motion to accept the donation from the Estate of Robert Earl Schiesske in the amount of \$20,000.00. This motion was seconded by Carl Hakansson with a unanimous vote of 4-0-0.

Board and Committee Fair

Yolanda Greaves explained that while working with the “We Love Ashland Group” and the Saturday April 8 from 11 to 1 inviting all the committees to showcase what groups are doing in town and how residents can get involved. She explained that this event is open to all volunteer opportunities.

Discuss draft Nuisance Noise Bylaw

Carl Hakansson explained that our current Nuisance Noise Bylaw is difficult to enforce and he has created a draft Nuisance Noise Bylaw trying to find a way at addressing our need to address a chronic problem. Carl said that he is trying to find a way for businesses and residents to find a way to coexist.

Board members explained that they have read the draft but think that they want to make a few tweaks before bringing it to the board for a vote.

Elaine Kelley, 18 Columbus Lane explained that she would like the board to also address how surrounding land is used and who to call to get their answers.

Vilma Brunelle, 10 Rodman Road noise from Ashland Ale House. The trash pickup at Market Basket happens during the early morning hours.

Anne Manning, 74 East Bluff Road explained that she also has an issue with dumpsters being emptied at 4 am.

Chuck Dabritz, 368 Union Street thanked the board for listening to residents and he appreciated that the board is trying to address the issue.

Approve the Statement of Interest to MSBA

Filing an Application for Funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Jim Adams thanked Doug Small and Pat Whitney for the great job done with the challenging storms we have had. Jim also thanked everyone in the community and public safety for all the support they showed the school community during the recent challenge the community had faced.

Jim Adams explained that we are in the process of filing our statement of interest. For the Town of Ashland this will allow us to get into the que and he needs that it would take us about 1 year to hear back to see if we can move forward to the next step.

Yolanda Greaves read the Statement of Required Vote to approve submission of Statement of Interest to MSBA

(For Board of Selectmen Vote)

Read on March 15, 2017

Voted on March 15, 2017

Motion:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 15, 2017, prior to the closing date, the Ashland Board of Selectmen in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 15, 2017 for the David Mindess School located at 90 Concord Street, Henry E. Warren School located at 73 Fruit Street, and the William A. Pittaway School located at 75 Central Street, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

The priority category for the David Mindess School is for the *“Elimination of existing severe overcrowding; Prevention of severe overcrowding expected to result from increased enrollments; and replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.”*

The priority categories addresses the David Mindess School’s deficiencies in mechanical and electrical systems that impact core educational spaces, programming, and operations; deficiencies in the building’s interior impacting core educational spaces, student, and staff safety, the school’s programming, and operations; deficiencies in available space due to increased enrollment and meeting the needs of our increased ELL (English Language Learner) and Special Education populations.

The priority category for the Henry E. Warren School is for the *“Elimination of existing severe overcrowding; Prevention of severe overcrowding expected to result from increased enrollments; and replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.”*

The priority categories addresses the Henry E. Warren School deficiencies in mechanical and electrical systems that impact core educational spaces, programming, and operations; deficiencies in the building’s interior impacting core educational spaces, student, and staff safety, the school’s programming, and operations; deficiencies in available space due to increased enrollment which has necessitated the lease of four modular classrooms and meeting the needs of our increased ELL (English Language Learner) and Special Education populations.

The priority category for the William A. Pittaway School is for the *“Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.”*

The priority categories addresses the William A. Pittaway School’s deficiencies in mechanical and electrical systems that impact core educational spaces, programming, and operations; deficiencies in the building’s interior impacting core educational spaces, student, and staff safety, the school’s programming, and operations; and meeting the needs of our increased and special education population. The Ashland Board of Selectmen further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts Building Authority, or commits the Town of Ashland to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

This motion was seconded by Steve Mitchell with a unanimous vote of 4-0-0.

Water/Sewer Review and Rate Setting for FY18

Brittany Iacaponi presented the board with

Steve move to table to the April 5, 2017 meeting. This motion was seconded by Carl Hakansson with a unanimous vote of 4-0-0.

Revolving Accounts

Brittany Iacaponi

Yolanda Greaves wanted to understand how the town is advertising the field rentals and how we work towards looking to a way to generate revue so that we have funds needed maintenance and replacement.

Town Hall Sign – Review Options and Pricing

Board members reviewed the estimates that we submitted for replacement of the Town Hall sign. Michael Herbert is going to work Brittany Iacaponi on available funding.

Dragon Fly Festival – August 12, 2017

Andrea Green is requesting the use of Mill Pond for the Dragon Fly Festival on August 12, 2017 including the closing are the streets in the area during the hours requested. Steve Mitchell explained that

planning committee has been working with public safety and they also notify the neighbors that could possibly be impacted. Carl Hakansson would like to have the information publicized so that everyone understands what will happen.

Yolanda Greaves made a motion to approve the closing of Myrtle Street from Water Street to Pine Hill Road from 11:00am to 9:00 pm. This motion was seconded by Carl Hakansson with a vote of 3-0-1 (Mitchell)

Yolanda Greaves made a motion to go past 10:00. This motion was seconded by Steve Mitchell with a vote of 3-1-0 (Hakansson)

Town Manager Reports

Budget Update

Michael Herbert would like to review the Capital Plan and discuss the funding once again at the April 5th meeting. At that point he will ask the board to take a vote including a few changes.

Planning & Development Process Update

Michael Herbert explained that Jenn Ball has been working with Community Development and Planning Departments and he reviewed the fiscal impacts on the community based on the projects.

Jenn Ball reviewed the new application that are being for the Community Development and Health Office including the requirements. She explained that checklist is now included to be sure that the process is much clearer and that we need all the information needed to review the submission.

Rail Transit District Infrastructure Update

Michael Herbert explained that the replacement of the sewer line is now in its final stage and the paving work would be done over the summer after school has let out.

Board Reports

This agenda is subject to change and includes those items reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all agenda items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.