

Board of Selectmen
Minutes

Date: April 8, 2015

Members Present: Mike McCallum, Janet Flinkstrom and Mark Haines

Time: 7:08 p.m.

2) Selectmen vote to elect Janet Flinkstrom as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

3) Selectmen vote to elect Mark Haines as Clerk of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Janet Flinkstrom Vote: Unan

4) Selectmen approve minutes of March 25, 2015 as recorded.

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

5) Warrant #W39P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$53,811.84 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

6) Warrant #40B approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$96,138.06 subject to further review.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Discussion: Perambulation of Bounds (Doug Leab)

Town bounds are required to be inspected every five years. There are 3 members who usually do it. They are to walk all around the bounds of the Town and mark where they have been. There is a formal document that is signed to say whether they found the bounds or not.

7) Motion to authorize Doug Leab and his associates to walk the bounds and do the recording of such bounds for the Town of Ashby.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Discussion: FY16 Budget/Warrant

Town Administrator Bob Hanson in attendance. Explained some of the figures from the State are not available as of today and what the BOS have in front of them is a "snapshot" informational report. State Aid is not finalized and Winter Operations deficit has grown since this snapshot. He suggests taking \$80,000 out of the Old Overlay monies from prior years and transfer it into the Overlay Surplus, using it to pay the FY16 Overlay charges for abatements and exemptions. He went over the figures that should be available to the town with the figures he already has. He went over his recommendations for dept. cuts and how it will affect the figures and what the options could be. He also recommended increasing the unemployment account for next year. MM explained some of the financial information giving Mark examples of different items.

BH states the school department has re-certified their budget for \$65,000 less for Ashby's assessment.

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An article will have to be added to the warrant if the board decided to go with the Overlay Account. There is \$35,000 reimbursement coming from the state for pothole damage (probably not until Sept.) and that money will have to go into the general fund.

Selectmen must have all warrant articles in before next Wednesday.

Question where and how to put the Overlay money on the warrant so as not to confuse the voters. MM doesn't feel they need an article on this.

Where BH thought money should be put back in and where it should be increased.

MM and BH explained to MH what the Reserve Fund could be used for.

BH asked the Board how they felt about wage increases for non-contractuals to 3 percent. Non-union personnel have not received raises in 2 or 3 years. Unions have been receiving raises all along every year. They did not have a problem with that. He will revise the figures and get them back to the members.

Joint meeting with the Finance Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's office.

MM asked BH for explanation of the Cherry Sheet for MH.

BH explained the Stabilization Fund and read the last warrant article of the ATM re: Stabilization Fund. 2 Articles in the Special Town Meeting and 17 articles in the Annual Town Meeting.

Petition article relating to the office of the Treasurer and another relates to fees collected by Tax Collector. Petition articles cannot be altered or corrected. MM asked for STM warrant article for the Reserve Fund.

Request for Selectmen's Signatures on Annual Town Election Warrant (4):

8) Selectmen approve and sign on Annual Town Election Warrant to be held on April 27, 2015 at the Elementary School from 12:00 pm. to 7:30 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

9) Selectmen re-appoint Joe Mazzola as Veteran's Agent for a one-year term ending April 30, 2016.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

10) Selectmen appoint Joseph Monseur as Broadcast Technician, Employee-at-Will.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Any Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman:

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report: Read by Mark Haines & available on Ashby Website. Sample letter from the Board of Assessors to property owners of the Town regarding revaluation inspections was read.

Public Comments (If Any)

Roberta Flashman asked for new Selectman Mark Haines to be introduced-was welcomed with applause.

11) Motion to Adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

Motion: Mike McCallum Seconded: Mark Haines Vote: Unan

Signed by: _____

Dates Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: _____