

TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM - BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SATURDAY – MAY 4, 2013 – 9:05 a.m.  
AUDITORIUM – OAKMONT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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PRESENT – Board of Selectmen: Leo Janssens, Duncan Phyfe, and Nick Davis.

Also in attendance: Doug Briggs, Town Administrator, Deb Phillips, Town Counsel and Sylvia Turcotte, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

I. Reorganization of Board of Selectmen

Leo Janssens called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. He stated that the first order of business was the reorganization of the Board of Selectmen. ***Duncan Phyfe motioned for Leo Janssens to be Chairman and was seconded Nick Davis. Motion carried.***

A short discussion followed on who would serve as Clerk. ***Duncan Phyfe made the motion to have Nick Davis serve as Clerk and was seconded by Leo Janssens. Motion carried.***

A short discussion followed on who would serve as speaker at the Memorial Day Services and it was decided that Leo Janssens would speak. It was also noted that Nick Davis would speak at the Veterans Day services.

II. Discussion on Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

At this time Doug Briggs stated that Article 9 was now the same as what the Advisory Board recommended and that he needed the Board of Selectmen to approve their recommendation on this article to a “yes” vote. ***Duncan Phyfe motioned to approve the “yes” recommendation on Article 9 and was seconded by Nick Davis. Motion carried.***

There was a short discussion that followed on whether to support Article 24 and Deb Phillips explained the purpose.

Doug Briggs stated that the Board of Selectmen needed to vote on Article 10 which was the School override in the amount of \$238,883. It was noted by Deb Phillips that the Town of Westminster would also need to approve this even though it was not an override on their warrant. Leo Janssens noted that he had no problem to recommend this and all were in agreement. ***Duncan Phyfe motioned to recommend Article 10 and was seconded by Nick Davis. Motion carried.***

It was noted by Deb Phillips that there was no issue with Article 25 without a quorum of the Capital Planning Committee present. There was a short discussion on who would serve as the Board of Selectmen member on the Capital Planning Committee. Duncan Phyfe stated that he would serve as the Board’s representative on this Committee.

Doug Briggs noted that Dunn Road, Lake Road from Sherbert to E. Rindge Roads would be done this year with the Chapter 90 funds and the \$125,000 out of the Capital Fund. He added that contingent on funds availability, Holden Street may also be done due to the many issues with water main breaks in that area and how it is resolved by the Water Department.

It was noted that with the new members on the Board that a “working meeting” should be planned to go over the Special Act and the Bylaws and that this would be scheduled.

There was some discussion on Article 20, the Retiree Health Insurance petition. Bill Johnson who joined the meeting stated that he would speak on this along with the Board of Selectmen. Doug Briggs explained that this was another unfunded liability for the Town.

***With no further business to discuss, at 9:44 a.m. Duncan Phyfe motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Nick Davis. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Turcotte  
Assistant to the Town Administrator