



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

Select Board

Agenda

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

6:15 PM

Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Town Hall, 101 Main St, Ashland, MA 01721

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 Select Board 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 Select Board 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.*

1. **Call Meeting to Order – at 6:15 pm**

Executive Session - Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A § 21(a)(3) to consider litigation in the matter of Petition of NSTAR d/b/a Eversource Energy, EFSB 18-02 and Town of Ashland v. NSTAR d/b/a/ Eversource, Docket No. 19 MISC 000408 (MDV)

At the end of Executive Session, the board will reconvene in Open Session.

2. **Citizen's Participation (May be adjusted based on schedule of hearings and appearances)**

3. **Scheduled Hearings/Apearances**

- a. Eagle Scout Proclamations – Monzer Kotob and Jordan Kotob
- b. Introduction of Sustainability Coordinator – Frank Nakashian
- c. Appoint Gabriel Toledo to the Conservation Commission for a term that will expire on 8/31/20.
- d. Presentation by Robo Wizz Team – Lego League
- e. 7:30 pm – Request for a modification of a Class II License New Beginning Auto Service Inc. located at 62 - 72 Nickerson Road – Allow for up to 80 vehicles.
- f. Public Hearing for Eminent Domain Taking – 4-12 Front Street, 10-60 Main Street, 98-100 Main Street, 118 Main Street, 128-132 Main Street for the purpose of a “Sidewalk Easement”

4. **Select Board/Town Manager Priority Project Update**

- a. Rail Transit District
 - i. YMCA Update
 - ii. United Group of Companies Update
- b. Update on the Public Safety Building
 - i. Wetlands Delineation
 - ii. ANR Plan



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- c. Update on the Downtown Project
 - i. Schedule
- d. Warren District & Valentine Estate
 - i. Hall House & Warren Barn
 - ii. Valentine Estate

5. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Accept Gifts/Donations/Grants
 - i. MIIA Grant in the amount of 5,000.00 for personal protective gear.
 - ii. 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of 46,000.00
 - iii. FY20 Firefighter Turnout Grant in the amount of 832.00
 - iv. Compact Community IT Grant in the amount of 54000.00
 - v. Donation from Needham Bank for 500.00 for Wagon Ride during the Holiday Festival.
 - vi. Accept donation from Robert Schiesske Estate of 4000.00 for Library use.
 - vii. Accept donation from Jessica Miller for 50.00 for juvenile books for the Library.
 - viii. Accept Marble Bench donated by Paul Carton.
- b. Accept Regular Session Minutes of December 4, 2019.
- c. Waive the 15-day waiting period for the Town Manager's appointment of Curtis Mogren, Steven Mulone, Ryan Phelan and Danielle Schiloski to the Fire Department as Firefighters.
- d. Waive the 15-day waiting period for the Town Manager's appointment of Chris Ribeiro who will be a Light Equipment Operator for the Highway Department.

6. **Old / New Business**

- a. Community Choice Power Supply Program – Eversource Rate Change
- b. Eversource – Consultant for Analysis
- c. Discuss 31 Pleasant Street – Request for Waiver of Demo Delay
- d. Vote to Approve Bond Renewal for Downtown Engineering - \$800,000
- e. Discuss/Select Date for Volunteer Breakfast
- f. Discuss Town Manager Evaluation Timeline
- g. Discuss Ashland Clockers Superbowl Rings
- h. Update on Ashland Post Office
- i. Economic Development Incentive Program – 2Mauro's Café 372 Union Street - \$20,000.00 for equipment and \$20,000.00 for rental reimbursement.

7. **Town Manager Report (including but not limited to):**

- a. Website Redesign
- b. FY21 Budget Update
- c. Communications/Events Coordinator

8. **Adjournment**

9. **Meeting Materials:**

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.