

1                                   **ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
2   **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**  
3   **ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**  
4   **9:00 AM**

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6 Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with a roll call. Chairman Fran Newton,  
7 Vice Chairman Harold Lamos, Selectman Leigh Sharps and Selectman Tejasinha Sivalingam present.  
8 Selectman Casey Barney was absent. Others present: Town Administrator Charles Smith,  
9 Department of Public Works Director Tim Paquette, Police Chief Randall, Fire Chief Heath.

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11 **NEW BUSINESS**

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13       • **Bid announcement for Shim & Overlay and Crack Fill on River Street:**

14           ○ Director Paquette announced the bids for the project as follows:

- 15                                   ▪ GMI: \$58,993  
16                                   ▪ R&D: \$60,844  
17                                   ▪ Bryant: \$62,590

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20           ○ Director Paquette had a discussion with board about the expectations of the project  
21 and recommended awarding the project to GMI. Director Paquette said GMI's bid  
22 was lower because they have their own mix, while the other bids might have to use  
23 reclaimed gravel. Director Paquette mentioned how River Street has not been repaired  
24 since 2003 and this project should finish taking care of this road for the time being.

25           ○ Selectman Lamos asked if the project would impact the fire hydrants on the street and  
26 the yardage estimates being used for the project. Chief Heath said there would be no  
27 impact to the fire hydrants and Director Paquette felt the yardage estimates were  
28 adequate.

29           ○ Selectman Sivalingam asked about receiving certificates of liability, to which two of  
30 the bidders provided. Sivalingam felt this was not the best road to repair now.

31           ○ Selectman Sharps made a motion to accept GMI's bid, with funding to be distributed  
32 from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Lamos seconded.  
33 Selectman Sivalingam requested more time to review the bid project.

- 34                                   ▪ Motion passed 3-1 with Sivalingam opposed.  
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36       • **Ashland Board of Selectmen goal setting session with PRIMEX**

37           ○ PRIMEX member services representatives, Sally Tanner and Gail Hamman, had a  
38 work session with the Board of Selectmen and Department Heads to establish goals  
39 and objectives. PRIMEX set ground rules for the meeting. Attendees had a  
40 roundtable discussion about the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats  
41 (SWAT analysis) for the town. Followed by a discussion on what was their vision of  
42 the town over the next five years and how this vision differs from the current state of  
43 the town. Once completed all the ideas discussed were consolidated into three  
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1. Community
2. Economic Development
3. Infrastructure

- Attendees then broke up into groups and were asked to create strategic objectives on “what” was going to be done to accomplish goals from the categories.
- PRIMEX consolidated all the comments and ideas from the group and over the next couple of weeks will provide a report of the meeting.

There being no other business, Selectman Sivalingam made motion to adjourn at 11:30 AM.  
Selectman Lamos seconded. All in favor 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Charles Smith  
June 7, 2017