

1 **ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**
2 **REGULAR MEETING**
3 **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**
4 **ASHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**
5 **6:30 PM**
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7 Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a roll call. Chairman Fran Newton,
8 Vice Chairman Harold Lamos, Selectmen Casey Barney, Tejasinha Sivalingam; Leigh Sharps
9 present. Others Present: Town Administrator Charles Smith and Administrative Assistant Wendy
10 Smith.

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12 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

13 Don Stoppe, a resident of Leavitt Hill Road spoke on his concern with the Leavitt Hill Road speed bump
14 across from the Town Beach. He agrees it is a safety situation but would like the board to consider
15 other alternatives. He listed reasons against the speed bumps such as the negative impact on people
16 with bad backs, vehicles, decreased property value and first responder slow down. He presented
17 solutions such as a radar speed control sign, a pedestrian speed sign and cones, or an ADA compliant
18 speed hump. Rosemary and Mandy Gennaro stated that their neck and back problems are affected by
19 the speed bump. Chief Randall spoke on the fact that the speed bumps were implemented because of
20 drivers not slowing down. He also addressed the ongoing problem of vandalism of the speed bumps.
21 The Police force will also enforce the posted 15 mph speed limit in the area. Chief Randal concluded
22 that he is open to solutions to this problem. Chair Newton stated her primary concern is for the safety
23 of the children in the beach area and will look for a win/win solution. Other options were suggested
24 such as an indentation, crossing guard, and again a wider speed hump.

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26 **MINUTES**

27 August 21, 2017- Pg. 1, ln. 47 add “its proposed” between offset and salary. The Planning Board
28 advised following changes: Pg. 6, lns. 26 and 28 change Committee to Commission, Pg. 7, ln. 34 add
29 “not” between words will and be.

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31 **MOTION:** By Selectman Barney
32 *Approve 8/21/17 minutes as amended.*

33 **SECOND:** By Vice Chair Lamos

34 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

35 **MOTION PASSED**

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37 August 22, 2017- Pg. 1, ln. 10 add “with notice” after the word absent.

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39 **MOTION:** By Selectman Barney
40 *Approve 8/22/17 minutes as amended.*

41 **SECOND:** By Chair Newton

42 **VOTE:** 3-0-2 (**Yes:** Newton, Barney, Lamos; **Abstain:** Sivalingam, Sharps)

43 **MOTION PASSED**
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1 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2 • General Fund Manifest and Payroll Manifest for the week of September 1, 2017 signed by
3 Selectmen.

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5 **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

6 **Public Works Department:** Interim Director Moore gave an update on the LW Packard Field flag
7 light. A new 120 watt LED light has been installed. The light has a dusk to dawn sensor and can be
8 shut off. The flag is scheduled to be coming down on Veteran’s Day.

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10 **OLD BUSINESS**

- 11 • NH Dot TAP Grant: Received seven RFQs for this project. The Board discussed the pros and
12 cons of the different companies. The Board voted on each company and the top three were
13 HEB Engineers, Holden, and CMA. The next step is to schedule interviews. September 26,
14 October 3 and 4 were suggested. TA Smith will arrange.
- 15 • North Ashland Road: Interim Director Moore received quote for twelve No Parking in Right
16 of Way signs of \$899.16, six for each side of the road. Discussion followed as to whether the
17 signs were a worthwhile way to handle the ongoing problem of parking and working on cars in
18 the right of way. Chief Randall asked if the residents realize where exactly the right of way was
19 located and where the property line is. It was suggested to invite them to a meeting to discuss
20 this issue. TA Smith will call them prior to sending a certified letter.

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22 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sivalingam

23 *Board authorizes TA Smith to invite the property owners to discuss this issue.*

24 **SECOND:** By Selectman Sharps

25 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

26 **MOTION PASSED**

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28 **SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 29 • Department of Revenue MS 1 and MS 434 forms: These forms are necessary to establish tax
30 rate and needs to be submitted to the NHDRA. Board signed forms and returned to TA Smith
31 for submittal.
- 32 • Friends of the Ashland Town Library Raffle: Request to hold a raffle on 9/16/17.

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34 **MOTION:** By Vice Chair Lamos

35 *Approve request from Friends of the Ashland Town Library to hold a raffle on 9/16/17.*

36 **SECOND:** By Selectman Sharps

37 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

38 **MOTION PASSED**

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40 • Board of Selectmen Investment Policy: Annual approval Board of Selectmen vote.
41 Discussion ensued on whether to add “Credit Union” along with banks. Chair Newton asked
42 TA Smith to clarify whether the Board has the authority to make changes to the policy and if
43 Treasurer Linda Guyotte recommends this change.

1 **LIAISON REPORTS**

- 2 • Planning Board: Selectmen Sharps reported that the Board discussed new machine embroidery
3 business on Main Street and the proposed building at the Receiving Station. A Public Hearing
4 will be held at the October 4th Planning Board meeting.
5 • Budget Committee: Selectman Sivalingam brought forth discussion on whether he should
6 remain as the alternate liaison to the Budget Committee.

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8 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sivalingam

9 *Appoint Chair Newton as alternate liaison to the Budget Committee.*

10 **SECOND:** By Selectman Sharps

11 **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (**Yes:** Lamos, Sharps, Barney, Sivalingam; **Abstain:** Newton)

12 **MOTION PASSED**

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14 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

15 Jeannette Stewart spoke as Chair of the Budget Committee on the scheduling of the Budget meetings
16 and that schedule was agreed upon by the members of the Committee and others involved. She clarified
17 that there were not motives to choosing Friday nights as the meeting nights.

18 Ann Lamson asked why the speed bump solution can't be paid for by the people who don't want a
19 speed bump. Jeannette Stewart added that some residents of Leavitt Hill do approve of the speed bump.

20 Chair Newton spoke on the Ashland Volunteer Appreciation Day which was held on 9/11/17 which
21 honored Norm DeWolfe. She expressed her gratitude to Craig Moore and the DPW crew.

22 Selectman Sivalingam stated that the cost of vandalism of the speed bump has not been lost on him and
23 he finds it hard to comply with vandalism. Chair Newton thought the depression idea may be good.

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25 There being no other business, Vice Chair Lamos made **Motion to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA**
26 **91-A:3, II (b) at 7:35 PM.** Selectman Sharps seconded. All in favor 5-0 **Roll Call Vote:** Lamos, yes;
27 Sivalingam, yes, Barney, yes, Newton, yes, Sharps, yes.

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29 Board of Selectmen adjourned their meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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31 Respectfully submitted,

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33 Wendy Smith

34 September 12, 2017