

1                                   **ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
2   **REGULAR MEETING**  
3   **MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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 Upon the opening of the meeting, Chair Newton reflected on the recent tragedies in Las Vegas and  
13 around the world. She expressed her gratitude to be living in this community and toward our first  
14 responders. She reminded us of the importance of being kind and we shared a moment of silence.  
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16 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

17 None

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19 **MINUTES**

20 September 18, 2017- Pg. 2, ln. 7 change “extend” to “expend”. Pg. 4, ln. 5 remove word “temporarily”  
21 and add “for the time being”.

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23 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sivalingam  
24 *Approve 9/18/17 minutes as amended.*

25 **SECOND:** By Selectman Sharps

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

27 **MOTION PASSED**

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29 September 25, 2017- Pg. 1, ln. 10 add “Eli Badger” after “Patricia Tucker”.

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31 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sivalingam  
32 *Approve 9/25/17 minutes as amended.*

33 **SECOND:** By Selectman Sharps

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

35 **MOTION PASSED**

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37 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 38       • General Fund Manifest and Payroll Manifest for the week of September 30, 2017 signed by  
39       Selectmen.
- 40       • NH Dept. of Revenue Administration (DRA) MS 1 and MS 535 forms. TA Smith informed  
41       the Board that the MS 1 has been reprinted and the MS 535 was updated.  
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43 **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

44 **Public Works Department:** Interim Director Moore confirmed that the flags will be at half-staff until  
45 Sunday, 10/7/17 at sunset.

1 **Police Department:** Chief Randall is looking into personal protective equipment for use on drug  
2 overdose calls. He announced that Trick or Treating will take place in Ashland on 10/31/17 from 5:00  
3 PM to 7:00 PM.

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5 **OLD BUSINESS**

- 6 • NH DOT TAP Grant: The Selectboard have rated the seven RFQs received for this project.  
7 TA Smith will consolidate Board of Selectmen rating scores and send results to the Board of  
8 Selectmen. Interviews will be started as soon as possible as the survey needs to be done before  
9 the winter. It was agreed that presentations from the three firms will take place on a Wednesday,  
10 9:00 AM meeting on two different dates. TA Smith will arrange the interviews and email the  
11 Board of Selectmen

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13 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 14 • Kayode and Melody Mason – 273 N. Ashland Road: The Board gave Mr. and Mrs. Mason the  
15 option to discuss the issue at hand in a non-public session. The Mason's chose to stay in public  
16 session. Selectman Sivalingam recused himself as an abutting property owner. TA Smith  
17 explained that the Board invited the Masons to the meeting to discuss complaints of cars being  
18 worked on and parked in the state right of way in front of their property. The Mason's replied  
19 that their teenagers park and work on cars there because of limited space and that they have  
20 contacted Mr. Latulippe about accessing their property. They also are planning to attend the  
21 abutting condo association's meeting to discuss being able to access the road on the condo  
22 association's land which would alleviate the issue. Chief Randall clarified that they can't park  
23 vehicles in the state right of way. He suggested looking into getting a driveway permit for  
24 another access or widening the existing driveway. Mr. Mason would like to utilize the right of  
25 way to add on to the existing driveway so they can work in the yard as opposed to working in  
26 the right of way. Further discussion ensued involving the possibility of applying for a hardship  
27 easement to allow for access through the condo association property and the possibility of  
28 obtaining a permissive use letter. Chair Newton thanked them for coming in and hoped for a  
29 good resolution of the issue.
- 30 • Primex Unemployment Compensation Program – TA Smith informed the Board that the Town  
31 currently budgets for unemployment compensation and pays directly to the state. The  
32 unemployment line has gone over by \$1,100 as of date. Primex offers an Unemployment  
33 Compensation Program for \$2,252 which would be effective 1/1/18 through 12/31/18.  
34 Selectman Sivalingam would rather this be put in the new budget as he does not support a  
35 contract which would be put in the default budget. Chair Newton asked if the Board wants to  
36 consider this contract, discussion followed.

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38 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sharps

39 *Approve Unemployment Compensation contract with Primex for \$2,252.*

40 **SECOND:** By Selectman Barney

41 **VOTE:** 3-2 (Yes: Newton, Sharps, Barney; No: Lamos, Sivalingam)

42 **MOTION PASSED**

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44 **SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 45 • Water and Sewer Commission: Selectman Barney will be attending their meeting tomorrow.  
46 Selectman Sivalingam inquired as to whether the Commission has submitted their quarterly

1 report. The Selectboard is invited to tour the new receiving station location on Wednesday,  
2 10/4/17 at 5 PM and a public hearing will take place after at the school at 6:30 PM.

- 3 • Planning Board: Selectman Sharps informed the Board that the Northern Pass SCC is planning  
4 a site visit at the Ashland well field Wednesday, 10/3/17 at 10:00 AM. Vice Chair Lamos said  
5 he was informed that SCC would be meeting at Collins Street between 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM  
6 on that day. The Pemi River Local Advisory Committee is organizing people to meet at the  
7 Plymouth Common between 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM on that Wednesday.

8 The Planning Board discussed the expansion of the receiving station at the Transfer Station due  
9 its proximity to the Pemi River. The Board will be starting the implementation of the matrix of  
10 the Pemi River Corridor Management Plan starting with the water quality section. Selectman  
11 Sharps reported on a grant received from the NH Department of Environmental Services  
12 (NHDES) for the Ashland and Meredith Planning Boards through the Lakes Region Planning  
13 Committee (LRPC). The grant is for recommendation of ground or surface water protection  
14 ordinance or regulations to better protect water sources of drinking water to better serve these  
15 communities. The Planning Boards goal is to write zoning regulations to protect Ashland's  
16 aquifers from development.

17 The Planning Board has requested a list of building permits from the Building Inspector and has  
18 yet to receive it. TA was asked to obtain that. Other Planning Board items were announced. A  
19 presentation was made by Ames Campground on the potential donation of sewer line. The next  
20 meeting is on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

21 Electric Commission Meeting: Selectman Sivalingam reported that the Commission is  
22 working on the water runoff issue affecting the salt storage. Electric Commissioner Jamie  
23 Lyford said the project would be started next Thursday. Discussion followed regarding the  
24 issue including the inclusion of a vegetative swale. Interim DPW Director Moore explained  
25 that the water would be piped down behind the shed and dispersed over the field behind the  
26 substation. Reclaim would be installed to absorb water. It was decided that work should be  
27 postponed until the Electric Commissioners talk with the Board to assure them of their  
28 concerns. Jamie Lyford will contact the subcontractor to have him not start the work next  
29 Thursday. Selectman Sivalingam added that the Electric Commission is an autonomous body  
30 and the Chair Newton acknowledged that the Board of Selectmen is committed to working  
31 with the Electric Commission to resolve this issue.

32 **MOTION:** By Vice Chair Lamos

33 *Board of Selectmen asks the Electric Department to cease work until we have a resolution to*  
34 *their concerns.*

35 **SECOND:** By Selectman Sivalingam

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

37 **MOTION PASSED**

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39 At the Electric Department budget work session meeting on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30  
40 PM, Selectman Sivalingam will speak with the Electric Commissioners about this issue. He  
41 invited the Board members to send any concerns via TA Smith.

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43 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

44 None

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2 There being no other business, Vice Chair Lamos made **Motion to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA**  
3 **91-A:3, II (a) at 7:31 PM.** Selectman Sivalingam seconded. All in favor 5-0 **Roll Call Vote:** Lamos,  
4 yes; Sivalingam, yes, Barney, yes, Newton, yes, Sharps, yes.

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6 Board of Selectmen adjourned their meeting at 7:39 PM.

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8 Respectfully submitted,

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10 Wendy Smith  
11 October 4, 2017