

1 **ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**
2 **REGULAR MEETING**
3 **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018**
4 **ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM**
5 **6:30 PM**

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9 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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12 **CALL TO ORDER**

13 Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a roll call. Chairman Frances Newton,
14 Vice Chairman Harold Lamos, Selectman Casey Barney, and Selectman Leigh Sharps present.
15 Others Present: Town Administrator Charles Smith and Administrative Assistant Wendy Smith.

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18 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

19 None.

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22 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

23 January 16, 2018-Page 1, line 20 insert “/groundwater” after word “field”.

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25 **MOTION:** By Vice Chair Lamos
26 *Approve 1/16/18 minutes as amended.*

27 **SECOND:** By Selectman Barney

28 **VOTE:** 4-0 (**All in favor**)

29 **MOTION PASSED**

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31 January 31, 2018-Page 1, line 26 insert “or work session” after word “meeting”.

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33 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sharps
34 *Approve 1/31/18 minutes as amended.*

35 **SECOND:** By Selectman Barney

36 **VOTE:** 4-0 (**All in favor**)

37 **MOTION PASSED**

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40 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 41 • Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests for the weeks of January 15, 2018 through January 29,
42 2018; 2017 Account Payable accruals; and a DRA Elderly exemption form were signed by a
43 quorum of the Board.

1 **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

2 TA Smith thanked the DPW workers for all their hard work on keeping the roads safe despite having
3 two trucks down at the moment. Vice Chair Lamos inquired as to whether the Town of Moultonboro
4 has been contacted about borrowing one of their trucks. TA Smith said he did inform DPW Moore of
5 this option. TA Smith announced that the Parks and Recreation Department February Vacation Camp
6 is scheduled for February 26 to March 2 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, but there is a need to have more
7 children sign up in order for the camp to happen. It will be decided by February 19, 2018 whether or
8 not the camp will be able to take place. The Parks and Recreation Department is also having a Kids
9 Night Out on February 9 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. TA Smith also announced that the Food for All
10 program at the Booster Club will now be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month only.

11 TA Smith also informed the Board that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant fell
12 through because the Laconia Area Community Land Trust (LACLT) didn't get the necessary tax credits.
13 The LACLT can apply for the grant again next year.

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15 **OLD BUSINESS**

16 Brownfields Update-former L.W. Packard Mill: Nobis Engineering Draft Hazardous Building
17 Materials Assessment was received and reviewed. Asbestos, lead and PCB containing materials were
18 identified in the Mill Building. Discussion followed on the steps needed to go forward on this project.
19 If the property was owned by a municipality it would be eligible for clean-up grants. Chief Randall
20 asked about the impact on the taxpayers. Chair Newton responded that there would be no cost to the
21 taxpayers and that having a Phase II study would absolve the Town of any liabilities. It was concluded
22 that the Economic Development Committee will compile a list of questions and get answers over the
23 next few months. The Selectboard and the Economic Development Committee will work together and
24 present their findings to the citizens of Ashland for their input.

25 Selectman Sharps brought up that the town needs to be thinking about converting the Town buildings
26 to solar in the future. The Water and Sewer Department is looking into solar now and there is a
27 possibility that their vendor can assess the Town's total energy needs. Net metering was also discussed.

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29 **NEW BUSINESS**

30 Commerford, Neider, Perkins (CNP) assessing contracts: TA Smith explained that the 2018 Contract
31 for General Assessing Services is for "pick up" assessments of changes to properties made during 2018.

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33 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sharps

34 *To have the Selectboard sign the CNP 2018 Contract for General Assessing Services.*

35 **SECOND:** By Selectman Barney

36 **VOTE:** 4-0 (All in favor)

37 **MOTION PASSED**

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39 TA Smith explained that the 2018 Contract for the Update of Values is a revaluation contract which
40 will combine data previously collected to determine new property values. Vice Chair Lamos brought
41 up that a town GIS system would be good to have for this project.

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43 **MOTION:** By Selectman Barney

44 *To have the Selectboard sign the CNP 2018 Contract for the Update of Values.*

45 **SECOND:** By Selectman Sharps

46 **VOTE:** 4-0 (All in favor)

47 **MOTION PASSED**

1 **SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 2 • Liaison Updates: Selectman Sharps presented the Planning Board update which included
3 discussion on a voluntary merger to confirm property lines for a land donation to the state
4 Conservation Society. She also presented the Pemi River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC)
5 meeting update. PRLAC is on their seventeenth year of Pemi River water sampling. The
6 Committee, as well as all of the local interveners, was key in representing Ashland's concerns
7 regarding the impact of the Northern Pass project which has been denied by the state Site
8 Evaluation Committee.
- 9 • Citizen Inquiries: Selectman Sharps reminded that concerns need to be submitted to the Town
10 Office by the Friday prior to the next Selectboard meeting or work session. It was also noted
11 the Board will not read people's opinions nor give meeting announcements unless they're the
12 towns at public Board of Selectmen meetings.
- 13 • Deliberative Session: Chair Newton thanked the Selectboard for all their hard work in preparing
14 and presenting at the session.

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16 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

17 None.

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19 There being no other business, Vice Chair Lamos made **Motion to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-**
20 **A:3, II (b) at 7:00 PM**. Selectman Sharps seconded. **Roll Call Vote**: Barney, yes, Newton, yes, Lamos, yes;
21 Sharps, yes.

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23 Board of Selectmen left nonpublic at 7:24 PM. **Reentered Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 7:25**
24 **PM. and reconvened at 7:35 PM.**

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26 Respectfully submitted,

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29 Wendy Smith
30 February 8, 2018