

1                                   **ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
2   **REGULAR MEETING**  
3   **MONDAY, MARCH 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   Katie Maher attended the recent Water and Sewer meeting which she said was very informative and  
20   encouraged the public to view the Power Point presentation online.  
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23   **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

24   February 20, 2018-Approved as written.  
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26   **MOTION:** By Selectman Sharps

27   *Approve 2/20/18 minutes as written.*

28   **SECOND:** By Vice Chair Lamos

29   **VOTE:** 4-0 (All in favor)

30   **MOTION PASSED**  
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33   **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 34       • Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests for the week of February 20, 2018 and Payroll  
35       Manifest for week of February 26, 2018; and a Veterans Tax Credit form were signed by a  
36       quorum of the Board.  
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39   **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

- 40       1. Old Jail Building: A quote was received by the Town from Libby's Custom Masonry for  
41       \$4,350 to repair damage to the Old Jail Building. The Old Jail Building was damaged when  
42       an unidentified vehicle struck the building during off hours causing damage to the brickwork  
43       and window. The event was not recorded on the security cameras because the cameras are  
44       stationary and not pointed at the jail building. TA Smith is talking with Mango Security to  
45       rectify this situation. The damaged window will be replaced with a wood window to keep in  
46       the historic nature of the building. Primex is covering the cost of this claim less a \$1,000

1 deductible. The fiscal impact will be \$1,000 for the deductible, line 01-4194-10-611, General  
2 Government Buildings Repair/Replace Upgrades.

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4 **MOTION:** By Vice Chair Lamos

5 *To approve the proposal from Libby's Custom Masonry in the amount of \$4,350 to repair*  
6 *the damage to the Old Jail Building.*

7 **SECOND:** By Selectman Sharps

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

9 **MOTION PASSED**

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11 2. Refinance debt service: The Town Treasurer has requested formal approval from the Board of  
12 Selectmen to request proposals from banks to refinance and lower interest rates on remaining  
13 long term debt. TA Smith listed the existing bonds and maturity dates. TA Smith will look  
14 into the possibility of shortening the terms of the notes and/or bundling under a State  
15 Revolving Fund loan.

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17 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sharps

18 *To allow the Town Administrator and Town Treasurer to seek proposals from banks to*  
19 *refinance the Town's long term debt.*

20 **SECOND:** By Vice Chair Lamos

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

22 **MOTION PASSED**

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24 3. Prior ZBA appointment: The position of alternate member of the Zoning Board remains open.  
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27 **OLD BUSINESS**

28 Fourth of July Committee Budget: The budget for the Fourth of July Committee had been previously  
29 reviewed by the Selectboard. The question of the Unanticipated Expenses line was clarified to be  
30 actually for Toilets – Septic Solutions. There were no further concerns.

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32 **MOTION:** Vice Chair Lamos

33 *To approve the Fourth of July Committee budget.*

34 **SECOND:** By Selectman Sharps

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

36 **MOTION PASSED**

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38 Town Hall repairs: TA Smith will be reaching out to contractors for bids on soffit and trim repair for  
39 the Town Hall. Vice Chair Lamos suggested TA Smith also check with the mason who is doing the  
40 repair work on the Old Jail Building on cost of doing the points on the brickwork at the Town Hall.  
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43 **NEW BUSINESS**

44 Ashland Conservation Commission Chairman Walter Durack: Chair Durack reported on the  
45 Conservation Commission whose goal for 2018 is to improve the public image of the town. The town  
46 has abundant natural resources, one of which is the Pemigewasset River. The commission has

1 discussed connecting the trail along the river with the Village core. They have also been monitoring  
2 the river water quality in conjunction with the Squam Lakes Association. Selectman Sharps requested  
3 sharing the sampling results with the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee as they also do  
4 water quality sampling of the river. Chair Durack agreed this would be a good idea. Chair Durack's  
5 term will be ending in April of this year and he expressed the need of volunteers for the Committee to  
6 keep the momentum moving forward. The Board of Selectmen thanked Chair Durack for his service  
7 to the Town.

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9 Ashland Heritage Commission – Town Hall: Chair Susan MacLeod presented a summary of the  
10 Heritage Commission's Town Hall Information Program which was held on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The  
11 presentation covered a history of the 145 year old building and the recent walkthrough which showed  
12 its current condition and need of repair/updating and ADA compliance. The full Power Point  
13 presentation will be available on the Town website. The Town Hall and Old Jail Building were  
14 placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1983 and is eligible for a Land and Community  
15 Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) grant. LCHIP grants are funded by Registry of Deed and  
16 Motor Vehicle transactions and are designated for the protection of historic and natural resources.  
17 Thanks was given to the Heritage Commission and David Ruell of the Historical Society.

## 20 **SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 21 • General: The Town is not planning on stopping the recording of Board of Selectmen  
22 meetings. Chair Newton encouraged everyone to vote on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 23 • Liaison Reports: Selectman Sharps reported the Heritage Commission met on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and  
24 presented the Town Hall Information Program. The Planning Board recently met and  
25 Selectman Sharps announced there are two vacancies on that board. Selectman Sharps also  
26 urged the public to attend the School Board meeting on March 6th at 7:00 PM in which the  
27 school superintendent will be giving a security presentation. Chair Newton attended the  
28 Ashland Economic Development Committee meeting last week. Chair Felton will be putting  
29 together a meeting with Lakes Region Planning Commission and Nobis Engineering to further  
30 discuss the Brownfields project.
- 31 • Other Items: Chair Newton coordinated the Selectboard coverage of the elections on March  
32 13<sup>th</sup>. Town Reports are now available at the Town Office.

## 35 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

36 None.

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38 There being no other business, Vice Chair Lamos made **Motion Adjourn at 7:34 PM**. Selectman Sharps  
39 seconded. **Roll Call Vote**: Barney, yes, Newton, yes, Lamos, yes; Sharps, yes.

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42 Respectfully submitted,

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45 Wendy Smith  
46 March 7, 2018