ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018
ASHLAND FIRE STATION
REGULAR MEETING 6:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)
Selectman Sharps, Selectboard 150th Celebration representative, expressed thanks on behalf of herself and the Board to all those involved with the Ashland 150th Celebration. The celebration was a great success.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
July 2, 2018-Inserted text into the Public Hearing on the Proposed Project-Rehabilitation of Harvey Heights/Ledgewood Estates Apartments section and the Public Hearing on the Housing and Community Development Plan section per request of Lakes Region Community Development.

MOTION: By Selectman Sharps
Approve 7/2/18 minutes as amended.
SECOND: By Selectman Barney
VOTE: 5-0 (All in favor)
MOTION PASSED

July 16, 2018-Pg. 2, line 2 insert “TA Smith was asked by the Board to update them on the legal line at every upcoming meeting to keep them informed of how much money is left in the line.” at the end of the paragraph. Pg. 4, line 29 insert “in September” at end of sentence.

MOTION: By Selectman Sharps
Approve 7/16/18 minutes as amended.
SECOND: By Selectman DeWolfe
VOTE: 5-0 (All in favor)
MOTION PASSED
July 18, 2018-Approve as amended.

MOTION: By Selectman DeWolfe
Approve 7/18/18 minutes as amended.
SECOND: By Selectman Sharps
VOTE: 5-0 (All in favor)
MOTION PASSED

CONSENT AGENDA
- Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests for the week of 7/16/18 and Payroll for weeks of 7/23/18 and 7/30/18 were signed by a quorum of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS
CNP Assessing – NHNY and EFAR tax abatement agreement: Cindy Perkins of CNP Assessing went over negotiations CNP Assessing had with NHNY Marina Development and EHFAR involving abatements and their past due taxes.

MOTION: By Selectman Sharps
Approve abatements based on CNP Assessing’s information.
SECOND for discussion: By Vice Chair Lamos
VOTE: 5-0 (All in favor)
MOTION PASSED

Discussion followed and it was decided to have Patricia Tucker, Tax Collector attend the next Board of Selectmen meeting to give more clarification on the matter.

MOTION: By Selectman Sharps
Rescind previous motion, “Approve abatements based on CNP Assessing’s information.”
SECOND for discussion: By Selectman DeWolfe
VOTE: 5-0 (All in favor)
MOTION PASSED

DEPARTMENT HEADS
Town Administrator:
- TA Smith read an email he received from Jeff Stiegler in which he thanked the Ashland public safety officials for their work in making this a safe event for everyone. He also thanked all who were involved in providing such a wonderful event.
- NHDOT-TAP grant (West St. to Gordon St. sidewalk project): The construction and construction engineering cost estimates for the 2016 TAP grant application were $331,284. The 2019 estimate is $454,939 creating a shortfall of $123,655. DPW Director Moore and TA Smith have scheduled a meeting with NHDOT and KV Partners, the project engineers to discuss the construction costs for this project.
MOTION: By Selectman Sharps
Allow TA Smith to negotiate with NHDOT and KV Partners to lower construction costs for TAP grant.
SECOND: By Selectman Sharps
VOTE: 5-0 (All in favor)
MOTION PASSED

Right to Know requests: Former Selectman’s Tejasinha Sivalingam’s voluminous requests for emails, minutes, etc. have cost the Town at least $3,500 in legal and information technology fees thus far. The legal fees are expected to continue as counsel reviews the email requests. Selectman Lamos, Budget Committee Liaison, said he would bring legal line information to the Board Committee. TA Smith conveyed that the Town has taken great strides in being transparent and asked that if anyone has any question as to how the Town is governed, to please don’t hesitate to ask him or any Department Head.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

- Selectman Sharps requested the Boards permission to allow Granite Solar to attend a future meeting to present municipal solar options. She will also invite NH Solar, Frase Electric, Ashland Electric Department and Ashland Water and Sewer to attend.

MOTION: By Vice Chair Lamos
Authorize Selectman Sharps to coordinate meeting with solar constituents.
SECOND: By Selectman DeWolfe
VOTE: 5-0 (All in favor)
MOTION PASSED

- Board of Selectmen walk through of the L.W. Packard Mill building: Scheduled tentatively for Saturday, 9/8/18 in the afternoon.
- Selectman DeWolfe asked TA Smith to send a letter to the Library Trustees regarding the key to the upstairs room at the library.
- Selectman Sharps requested permission to look into plaques for the 150th Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)
Kendall B. Hughes gave an update on the 150th Celebration Committee’s ongoing fundraising activities. The public can get 150th memorabilia such as the commemorative book and tape at Elaine Hughes Realty.

Police Chief Randall thanked everyone who was involved with the 150th Celebration.
There being no further business, Selectman Sharps made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 PM. Vice Chair Lamos seconded.

Reopened meeting to vote on unsealing nonpublic session minutes of 6/4/18.

**MOTION:** By Selectman DeWolfe

*Authorize nonpublic minutes of 6/4/18 to be unsealed.*

**SECOND:** By Vice Chair Lamos

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

**MOTION PASSED**

There being no further business, Selectman Sharps made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 PM. Vice Chair Lamos seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Smith

August 8, 2018