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**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2018
ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
6:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with all the Selectmen – Chairman Fran Newton, Vice Chairman Harold Lamos, Selectman Leigh Sharps, Selectman Kathleen DeWolfe, and Selectman Casey Barney, present. Others present: Town Administrator Charles Smith.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Selectman DeWolfe

To approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from November 19, 2018.

SECOND: Vice Chairman Lamos

VOTE: 5-0 (All in favor)

MOTION PASSED

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. ReVision Energy – Elijah Garrison

- i. Elijah Garrison from ReVision Energy was a guest speaker and gave a presentation to the Board of Selectmen about solar energy. ReVision Energy was founded in 2003 they have an est. 260 employees in three states. ReVision Energy has completed 8,000 clean energy systems and their target customers are nonprofit and municipalities. Elijah gave a brief description on how solar could work for the town but would depend on the current energy consumption for each department. Options for the town being whether to install solar panels on land, which can be expensive, or rooftops, either pitched (more affordable) or a flat roof. Town would have to review inventory and determine which buildings/land are suitable. Financing such a project could be done through a power purchasing agreement with a third-party investor so there would be no out of pocket expenses for the town. Part of the agreement is the town provide a site for solar and agrees to buy power back at a reduced rate. Key steps to such an agreement are; site location, net metering policy with utilities, and electric in port/export – still would consume at night. Board of Selectmen discussed a few sites that might work for a solar project. Board asked about the Inter Lakes School District project that ReVision Energy completed. Elijah said that project had a service contract with the school district, produces 363 KW of solar energy that provides 100% of energy for the school, has been online since 2016 after about six months of development and town months for construction.

1 b. **Ashland 4th of July Committee – fireworks contract**

- 2 i. Kendall Hughes, Vice Chair of the Ashland 4th of July Committee presented a
3 contract to the Board from Atlas Pyro Vision Entertainment Group, to provide
4 a firework display at next year’s 4th of July celebration. New to the fireworks
5 will be music that coincides with the display and shapes of the fireworks.
6 Fireworks will also go off during the singing of the national anthem.

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8 **MOTION:** Selectman DeWolfe

9 *To approve the Atlas Pyro Vision contract for fireworks display at the 4th of*
10 *July celebration.*

11 **SECOND:** Vice Chairman Lamos

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

13 **MOTION PASSED**

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15 **IV. SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 16 a. Selectman Sharps thanked the Ashland Fire Department for decorating the fire truck at
17 the Plymouth parade. Selectmen Sharps also suggested at the next Board work
18 session members have an emergency phone tree in the event of an emergency in town.
19 b. Vice Chairman Lamos thanked the Ashland Electric Department for the work they did
20 when residents lost power during last week’s storm.
21 c. Whipple House lease agreement – David Ruell, member of the Ashland Historical
22 Society, had a few follow up questions for the Board about the new lease agreement.
23 Board members clarified parameters around maintaining the Whipple House and
24 authority of the Board under RSA 41:11 (a). Board to continue to have an open
25 dialogue with the Ashland Historical Society about renewing the lease agreement.

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27 **V. NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

28 **MOTION:** Selectman DeWolfe

29 *To enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A;3, II (a).*

30 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

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

32 **MOTION PASSED**

33 Board of Selectmen entered nonpublic session at 7:39 P.M. and reconvened at 7:59
34 P.M. Non-public session minutes were sealed.

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37 **VI. Board of Selectmen adjourned their meeting at 8:00 P.M.**

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39 *The minutes for this meeting were written by Town Administrator Charles Smith on December 4,*
40 *2018.*