

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019  
ASHLAND UTILITY BUILDING  
6:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Town of Ashland Chairman of the Board Fran Newton called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Vice Chairman of the Board Kathleen DeWolfe, Selectman Eli Badger, and Selectman Casey Barney were present, Selectman Leigh Sharps was absent. Town Manager Charles Smith was also present for the meeting.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

*To approve the meeting minutes from May 31, 2019.*

**SECOND:** Selectman Badger

**VOTE:** 3-0-1 (Selectman Barney abstained; absent for meeting)

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** Selectman Badger

*To approve the meeting minutes from June 3, 2019.*

**SECOND:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

**VOTE:** 4-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

a. **NH Planners Association Citizen Planner of the Year** – Ashland Planning Board Chairman Mardean Badger was nominated and won this year’s award. The Board of Selectmen recognized Mardean for being this year’s recipient. Mardean made a statement thanking her husband Eli Badger and former Planning Board Chairman Susan MacLeod. (Entire statement is attached to these minutes).

b. **Ashland 4<sup>th</sup> of July update** – Vice Chairman of the Committee Kendall Hughes brought forth concerns the committee had with new vendor permits being issued around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The committee has asked that the town not to issue permits to outside vendors that would compete with town businesses. Board agreed and vote was:

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

*To deny vendor permits on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.*

**SECOND:** Selectman Badger

**VOTE:** 4-0

1                                   **MOTION PASSED**  
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- 3                                   i. Vice Chairman DeWolfe asked about the collection of vendor permit fees.  
4                                   The 4<sup>th</sup> of July collects \$300 per vendor permit. Selectman Badger requested a  
5                                   joint meeting with the committee after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities.  
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7   **IV. OLD BUSINESS**  
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- 9                                   a. **Board of Selectmen project list** – Town Manager Smith provided updates with  
10                                   ongoing projects before the Board of Selectmen.  
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12   **V. SELECTBOARD ITEMS**  
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- 14                                   a. **Scribner Trustees** – new trustee Amanda Loud requested the Board of Selectmen  
15                                   have a joint meeting with the Scribner Trustees for a general update. Board agreed;  
16                                   Town Manager Smith to arrange meeting.  
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18   **VI. NONPBULIC SESSION**  
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- 20                                   a. **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe  
21                                   *To enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (1).*  
22                                   **SECOND:** Selectman Badger  
23                                   **VOTE:** 4-0  
24                                   **MOTION PASSED**  
25                                   **ENTERED:** 7:11 p.m.  
26                                   **RECONVENED:** 7:53 p.m.  
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- 28   **VII.** After reconvening the Board of Selectmen signed the signature file and adjourned their  
29                                   meeting at 8:01 p.m.  
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- 31   **VIII. NEXT MEETING** – Board members moved their next two meetings to July 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
32                                   Generally, the Board meets on the first and third Monday of the month, because of the holiday  
33                                   the Board agreed to move their meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday.  
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35   *Town Manager Charles Smith wrote these meeting minutes on June 18, 2019.*

**Mardean Badger's Statement re: "Citizen Planner"**  
**BOS Meeting, June 17, 2019**

I appreciate the honor from the New Hampshire Planners Association and I wish to thank Kaitlyn Morse for the nomination. The award is to recognize those who have volunteered their time on planning and zoning boards in Ashland towns and cities.

I am just a relative newcomer to the field of planning and land use. I became a member of the Planning Board only 4 years ago. I became chairman of the Planning Board only 1 year ago.

I would like to mention two people who I feel have greater reason to be honored as citizen planners. My earliest introduction to the land use field was through the years that my husband Eli Badger served as a member and / or chair of the Zoning Board and the Planning Board. There were a lot of discussions at home as he explained terms and concepts in response to my questions and as he and the land use boards developed reasoned decisions based on Ashland's ordinances and the state laws. So I absorbed a lot peripherally. Then, at various times, I was recruited to take minutes for the Zoning Board or Planning Board, which gave me a closer view of how the boards operate and reach decisions.

When I finally became a member of the Planning Board, I appreciated Susan MacLeod, our chairperson, who has over nine years' worth of knowledge and experience in leading our Planning Board, and interpreting the town's ordinances and the state laws. Her knowledge of land use issues and recall of previous cases is commendable and valuable.

So this award that I received is really an award to honor the knowledge, expertise and guidance of my two land use mentors, both of whom have also served on various other boards and committees. It will take me a long time to develop the broad knowledge base that both my husband and Susan have in the land use field. Honoring any one individual as a citizen planner is just scratching the surface of all those whose volunteer time has gone into developing the town's zoning ordinances, the town's master plan, reaching decisions, and updating ordinances as laws and issues change.

Being on a land use board is not a light responsibility. Decisions must be based on ordinances and laws, but you realize early on that those decisions are not always the popular or friendly decisions that some people might expect or want. Instead those decisions must be reasoned, justified and consistent.

I would like to encourage others, especially the younger generations, to become a part of the land use process and decision making. We encourage anyone to come to our meetings to watch and become familiar with the roles of the land use boards.

So I would like to share and extend this honor to all those who are currently on the Planning and Zoning Boards and all those who have served on those boards in the past.