

1 **ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN**
2 **WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**
3 **FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019**
4 **ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE**
5 **11:30 A.M.**

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7 **I. ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

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9 The Town of Ashland Board of Selectmen had a work session meeting with the subject matter
10 being the Ashland Electric Department. Present for the meeting was Vice Chairman Kathleen
11 DeWolfe, Selectman Eli Badger, Selectman Leigh Sharps, and Town Manager Charles Smith.
12 Chairman Fran Newton and Selectman Casey Barney were absent.

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14 a) Dick Joyce, municipal light consultant from Mycoff, Fry Partners, hired for
15 consultant work with Ashland Electric gave a presentation to the Selectmen on the
16 department’s financials. Dick started the meeting illustrating the town’s kWh’s
17 rate against other towns and the NH Coop. Electric rates have three primary costs;
18 energy, capacity and transmission costs. Over the next three years expectations are
19 energy costs and transmission costs will remain fixed, whereas, the capacity
20 charges may fluctuate. Power supply costs are estimated at being 70% of the
21 department’s budget. Dick provided an overview of the town’s energy purchase
22 agreement and explained the difference between purchasing power during on peak
23 and off-peak and. Other items discussed at the meeting; future staffing needs for
24 the department, ability to expand the town’s infrastructure by installing dark fiber
25 cable and conducting a power supply evaluation.

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29 *Town Manager Charles Smith wrote these meeting minutes on July 1, 2019.*