ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019
ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE
11:30 A.M.

I. ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

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

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

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