

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019
ASHLAND FIRE STATION
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. with Vice Chairman of the Board Kathleen DeWolfe, Selectman Eli Badger, and Selectman Leigh Sharps were present, Selectman Casey Barney was absent with prior notice. Town Manager Charles Smith was also present for the meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – Selectman Sharps opened the meeting by reading a personal statement thanking all of the 4th of July Committee members and volunteers of the recent event. (Statement attached to meeting minutes).

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Vice Chairman DeWolfe
To approve the meeting minutes from June 17, 2019.

SECOND: Selectman Badger

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: Selectman Badger
To approve the meeting minutes from June 28, 2019.

SECOND: Vice Chairman DeWolfe

VOTE: 3-0-1 (Chairman Newton abstained – absent for meeting)

MOTION PASSED

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **New Ashland Police Chief and Lieutenant appointments** – Chairman Newton read the following prepared statement appointing the town’s new Police Chief William Ulwick. *“Tonight, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and our Town Manager Charlie Smith we take great pleasure and pride in presenting our new Police Chief William “Will” Ulwick, as our new Chief replacing retiring Chief Tony Randall. Our new Chief comes to us after nine years spent as a Detective in Lincoln, N.H. Prior to that he graduated from the Police Standards and Training Academy in Concord in 2007 and shortly after began his career in Lincoln. He came to Ashland as a Lt. in the spring of 2015 and quickly became an outstanding and popular officer. Chief Ulwick took over officially as Chief on June 22nd and this evening we are pleased to formally introduce to our citizens our new Chief, William “Will” Ulwick. We welcome you, Chief, and we all look forward to you having a very long and illustrious career as our Chief of Ashland!*

- 1 i. After the appointment Chief Ulwick informed the Board of Selectmen that
2 Sergeant Derek Gray has been promoted to the Lieutenant position.
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4 **V. SELECTBOARD ITEMS**
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- 6 a. **Deputy Health Officer appointment** – the Selectmen appointed Land Use/Admin
7 Assistant Kaitlyn Morse to Deputy Health Officer.
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9 **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

10 *To appoint Kaitlyn Morse as the town's Deputy Health Officer.*

11 **SECOND:** Selectman Badger

12 **VOTE:** 4-0

13 **MOTION PASSED**
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- 15 b. **CRF Property Tax Map expenditure** – Board voted to release CRF funds for the
16 GIS (Tax Map) project.
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18 **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

19 *To expend \$2,870 from the Property Tax Map Capital Reserve Fund for payment*
20 *towards the town parcel mapping project.*

21 **SECOND:** Selectman Badger

22 **VOTE:** 4-0

23 **MOTION PASSED**
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- 25 c. **Other** – Selectman Sharps thanked the company that released fireworks over Squam
26 Lake. Selectman Sharps also recognized the Police Department for a long-term
27 investigation with the cooperation of other towns and state police.
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29 **VI. NONPBULIC SESSION**
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- 31 a. **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

32 *To enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b).*

33 **SECOND:** Selectman Badger

34 **VOTE:** 4-0

35 **MOTION PASSED**

36 **ENTERED:** 6:43 p.m.

37 **RECONVENED:** 7:09 p.m.
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- 39 b. **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps

40 *To enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a).*

41 **SECOND:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

42 **VOTE:** 4-0

43 **MOTION PASSED**

44 **ENTERED:** 7:10 p.m.

45 **RECONVENED:** 7:33 p.m.
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VII. OTHER BUSINESS – Utility Departments

- a. **Ashland Water and Sewer Superintendent job description** – Board reviewed the job description for this position and made changes to the qualifications (from Grade 3 to Grade 2).

- b. **Ashland Electric consultant contract** – Town Manager Smith discussed provisions of the suggested contract for consultant work with Ashland Electric. Board received advisement about the limited liability risks within the contract. Consensus of the Board felt comfortable moving forward with the contract, as expectations are the consultant shall not make decisions without prior approval from the Board or Town Manager.

VIII. SIGNATURE FILE – Selectmen signed the abatements.

IX. ADJOURNED – Board adjourned their meeting at 7:51 p.m.

X. NEXT MEETING – Monday, July 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Ashland Water & Sewer Conference Room.

Town Manager Charles Smith wrote these meeting minutes on July 9, 2019.

Tonight I would like to take some time and give sincerer congratulations to the Fourth of July Committee and the more than 30 volunteers who pulled out all the stops to put on the very best two day Fourth of July event I can honestly say I've seen in my 38 years here!

The set up on the field was just an outstanding move and the 12 food truck vendors were very popular. I understand from Kendall Hughes, vice chair of the committee, that all vendors made commitments to return next year and he also said all were on the verge of running out of food that night! The children's games were also in a great place and the bungee jump proved a very popular attraction! So thank you for the new set-up and the many vendor participants.!

Right before the fireworks began, long-time emcee Art Harriman, who also served as the parade grand marshal the next day, formally retired his duties and passed the baton to Chris White..thanks to them both! Mentioning the Marshal I also give honors to the recipients of the annual Mary Ruell award: the founders and owners of Bob's Shurfine, a town landmark I must say, Bob and Carole Elliott and Terry Elliot Comeau all who rode in the parade.

The fireworks were just fantastic, and I think everyone now appreciates the new viewing arrangement and access to the vendors and games as well. During the works.

The parade the next morning, I can honestly not say enough good things about it. It was the best fourth of July parade I have ever seen here.....so well organized, kicking off on time and no kinks and I thank all the participants, floats, cars, walkers, etc. for helping the parade run so smoothly.

Lastly, I and the board would like to thank the new Fourth of July Committee this year for all their hard work in organizing this fantastic event this year, especially as the tradition of this event was threatened to end last year until many volunteers stepped up to form a new committee and immediately began working last August to put on this event.

I would like to thank as many committee members and volunteers as I can but, please, if I have forgotten anyone please call charlie at the office and let him know and I'll mention such at our next meeting.

Committee Chair, Fran Wendleboe, vice-chair Kendall Hughes, Treasurer Katrina Randlett and Deb Perdue, Secretary. Committee members, David Ruell, Ann Barney, Sue and John Harville, Shannon and Becky Hartley, Phyllis Reitsma, Carolyn Goss, Lynn Uhlman , Steven Uhlman and Harold Lamos. Also, all the volunteers, more than 30 strong who joined in the parking effort, raffle and button selling, clean up the morning after the fireworks, the Ashland Community church for supplying many volunteers, ashland Lumber for supplying trash containers to the town's supply DPW director Craig Moore set out, the Huskies Football Team also supplied many volunteers , and thanks to the judges of both the parade and the pie-eating contest and, as always, Alex Ray's wonderful pancake breakfast prior to the parade.

Also, thanks to Plymouth High School Senior Gretchen Dodge who beautifully sang the National Anthem kicking off our event.

And, of course, we give special thanks to PBCam's Juliet and Andrew for filming all events.

The next meeting of the committee will be August 4th to review this year's event and the public is welcome to attend all meetings.

Thank you again to everyone who made this such a successful year for our town celebration of the Fourth of July.