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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021
ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE
3:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER – Town of Ashland Chairman of the Board Eli Badger called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and requested a roll call of the Selectmen; Vice Chairman Kathleen DeWolfe, Selectman Frances Newton, Selectman Alan Cilley, Selectman Andy Fitch, and Chairman Eli Badger all acknowledged they were present via the video conference. Chairman Badger read a preamble that notified attendees this meeting was occurring over video and teleconference, a provision authorized by the Governor’s Emergency Order #12 that waived the physical presence of board members during the Covid-19 pandemic.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Selectman Newton
To approve the meeting minutes of January 6, 2021.
SECOND: Selectman Cilley
VOTE: 5 – 0
MOTION PASSED

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. **2021 Virtual Town Meeting** – the Selectmen decided not to proceed with having a “virtual town meeting” and instead have the Deliberative Session and Town Vote be held at the School Gymnasium. Board members felt that having a virtual town meeting might be a ‘tough task’ this close to the session. Selectmen want to make sure all attendees are safe. Public Works to setup the gymnasium like the general election in November 2020, were there will be a social distance, masks, and hand sanitizer available. Attendees deciding not to wear a mask will have a designated area.

MOTION: Selectman Fitch
To hold an in-person deliberative session and town vote.
SECOND: Vice Chairman DeWolfe
VOTE: 4 – 1
MOTION PASSED

IV. SELECTBOARD ITEMS

A. Petitioned Warrant Articles
i. Discontinuance of town road article – Vice Chairman DeWolfe had questions about the petition warrant the board received to discontinue a town road (Parkway Rd). Vice Chairman DeWolfe questioned how the road was listed as Class VI and not Class V plus why the road was listed formerly as Hill St?

- 1 ii. Whipple House article – Vice Chairman DeWolfe questioned the petition war-
2 rant article from Ashland Historical Society (AHS) that asked for a \$2,000 ap-
3 propriation to repair the roof at the Whipple House. Vice Chairman DeWolfe
4 referenced item 6 on the Whipple House lease which AHS has with the town
5 that says they (AHS) are responsible for upkeep of the building. Town counsel
6 to receive a draft copy of the town warrant for their review and input.
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8 **V. NONPUBLIC SESSION**

- 9 A. Board of Selectmen entered nonpublic session under RSA 91: A-3, II (a) at 3:43 p.m.
10 and reconvened at 5:01 p.m. minutes were sealed.

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12 **VI. ADJOURNED** – the Board of Selectmen adjourned their meeting at 5:02 p.m.