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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2020
ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE
2:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER – Town of Ashland Chairman of the Board Eli Badger called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 December 21, 2020.

SECOND: Vice Chairman DeWolfe

VOTE: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

III. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Discontinuance of town road warrant article** – local business owner, John Glidden, approached the Board about supporting a warrant article that would discontinue Parkway Road. Glidden has interest in expanding his business and prefers the warrant article be submitted by the Board rather than petitioned. Selectmen asked how the warrant article would benefit the town? Selectmen also were uncertain about the land boundaries. Board preferred this be submitted through petitioned warrant article.

b. **2021 Town Warrant** – the Selectmen continued their review of the warrant which included requests from departments for funding the Capital Reserve Funds (CRF). Board members are to consider voting on recommendations at their next meeting in January.

c. **Virtual 2021 Deliberative Session** – the Selectmen continued their conversation about the possibility of holding a virtual town meeting. As such, the board considered certain dates and locations to hold the meeting. Board has asked the School if the meeting and town vote can be held in the school gymnasium. Further discussion on this subject to occur at their meeting in January.

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a. **Encumbrances** – staff requested two encumbrances before year end.

i. **Restoration of books**

MOTION: Selectman Newton
To approve an encumbrance of \$2,000 from line item 01-4130-10-611.
SECOND: Vice Chairman DeWolfe
VOTE: 5 – 0
MOTION PASSED

ii. **Transfer Station**

MOTION: Selectman Newton
To approve an encumbrance of \$1,932 from line item 01-4324-40-720.
SECOND: Selectman Fitch
DISCUSSION: encumbrance to be used for a door opener at the Transfer Station
VOTE: 5 – 0
MOTION PASSED

V. NONPUBLIC SESSION – Board entered nonpublic session at 3:07 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) with all in favor. Board reconvened at 3:36 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNED – the Board of Selectmen adjourned their meeting at 3:37 p.m.