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4 **ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

5 **January 7, 2013**

6 **PUBLIC HEARING**

7 **6:30 pm**

8 [Approved with corrections as noted in January 21, 2013 minutes]
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10 **Call to Order**

11 Chairman Stewart called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 PM.
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13 **Roll Call**

14 Present -Jeanette Stewart, Daniel Golden, Phil Preston

15 **Others Present**

16 Paul Branscombe, Pat Crowell, Members of the Public
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18 Stewart explained the Warrant Article and how it pertains to the CRF (Capital
19 Reserve Fund). This article, to see if the town will adopt an additional fee for
20 motor vehicle registrations, had been printed out and placed on the seats in
21 the audience. It also had the RSA 261:153, VI printed on the back. The first
22 question was about this article passing, but the second one, which would
23 establish the CRF, not passing. Another resident asked what part of the \$5.00
24 fee would go to the agent.
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26 Motion to adjourn Public Hearing at 6:44 PM - Stewart; second - Preston; vote
27 3-0.
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29 **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**
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31 **Call to Order**

32 Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.
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34 **Pledge of Allegiance**
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36 **Approvals**

37 Minutes of 12/17/12 - Stewart as written; second - Preston; vote 3-0

38 Minutes of 12/26/12 - Stewart with corrections; second-Golden; vote 3-0

39 Minutes of 1/2/13 - Preston as written; second - Stewart; vote 3-0
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41 The person video taping the meeting explained that there is a problem with the
42 battery in the video equipment. The meeting can not be taped and the Town
43 will not be charged.
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45 Branscombe read the totals for the Payroll, Accounts Payable, and Welfare to
46 be paid out this week. Selectmen signed the manifests.

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4 **Old Business**

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6 Stewart answered a question about the financial status of the town.
7 Another question was asked of the Selectmen about if they were up for re-
8 election this year, what would they tell the voters? Stewart mentioned that
9 she is not up for election this year. Golden said that he would run on his
10 record of being honest and do what is best for the Town. Preston, who is up
11 for re-election this year, said that several projects have been accomplished
12 this past year while he has been in office. He also mentioned that there needs
13 to be more participation from residents. He feels that televising the meetings
14 should continue.

15 Preston wanted to elaborate on the meeting of 12-17-12 when a resident
16 had some questions about finance in the Town. Preston said that we don't
17 appropriate money in July to use in the next year.

18 Branscombe reported that Michael Frankauski who lives on Highland
19 Street is working on a Purchase and Sales Agreement for 35 Highland Street and
20 needs a letter from the Board saying that the windows needs to be boarded up,
21 etc.

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23 **New Business**

24 After some discussion, Stewart motioned to continue the spending freeze
25 into 2013. Seconded - Golden. Vote 3-0

26 Branscombe received an email from a resident, Earl Middlemiss, saying
27 that he appreciates the work of the town employees.

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29 **Town Administrator Report**

30 Branscombe gave a report of the past months activities.

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32 **Department Head Reports**

33 Most Department Heads gave their reports of what has happened in the
34 last month. The Fire Chief will give his report on January 21st. Water & Sewer
35 Dept. had nothing to report.

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37 There being no further business, Stewart motioned to adjourn the meeting at
38 7:24 PM. Seconded by Golden. All in favor 3-0.

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41 *Taken by*
42 *Pat Crowell*

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44 Immediately following the meeting the Selectmen went into Non Public.
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