

1 **ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**
2 **REGULAR MEETING**
3 **MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018**
4 **ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM**
5 **NON-PUBLIC SESSION 6:00 PM**
6 **REGULAR MEETING 6:30 PM**

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10 **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

11 The Board of Selectmen entered **nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 6:00**
12 **P.M. and left at 6:07 P.M.** with Selectmen Newton, Lamos, Barney, Sharps, and DeWolfe
13 present. The Board of Selectmen announced the part-time hiring of Parks and Recreation
14 personnel for summer camp: Colby Moore, Hannah Paquette, and Morgan Desmond. The
15 public beach will be opening on 6/18/18. The Board of Selectmen then **re-entered nonpublic**
16 **session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:07 P.M., left at 6:27 P.M.** and sealed the minutes.
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19 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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22 **CALL TO ORDER**

23 Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a roll call. Chairman Frances Newton,
24 Vice Chairman Harold Lamos, Selectman Casey Barney, Selectman Kathleen DeWolfe and
25 Selectman Leigh Sharps present. Others Present: Town Administrator Charles Smith and
26 Administrative Assistant Wendy Smith.
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29 **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)**

30 Katie Maher spoke regarding the Board of Selectmen’s Work Session of 5/21/18 discussion regarding
31 the Towns involvement with the 4th of July and Heritage Committees. She feels that the committees
32 should be town supported, including in some degree by tax dollars, because they are town events.
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35 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

36 May 21, 2018-Approved as amended.
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38 **MOTION:** By Selectman Lamos
39 *Approve 5/21/18 minutes as amended.*

40 **SECOND:** By Selectman DeWolfe

41 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

42 **MOTION PASSED**
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1 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2 • Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests for the weeks of May 14 and 21, 2018 were signed by
3 a quorum of the Board.
4 • Notice of Intent to Cut, Veterans' Tax Credit, CNP Assessing abatement, SAU #2 & #48
5 estimated assessment schedules, and Trustee of Trust Fund memo were signed by a quorum of
6 the Board.
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9 **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

- 10 1. Department of Public Works (DPW): DPW Director Moore presented a Purchase Order for
11 crack sealing portions of a number of streets for the amount of \$14,800.00 to be taken from the
12 Capital Reserve Fund Road Improvement line. H.W. Dow will be starting the project this week,
13 should take approximately four days and no roads will be shut down. DPW Director Moore is
14 also in the process of getting quotes for paving Collins Street and the Depot Street sidewalks.
15 The NH DOT also informed Director Moore that bridge painting will be starting soon.
16 Selectman DeWolfe commended the DPW on their cleanup and landscaping work at the River
17 Walk.
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19 **MOTION:** By Vice Chair Lamos

20 *Approval of purchase order for crack sealing in the amount of \$14,800 to be taken out of the*
21 *Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund (01-4915-30-500).*

22 **SECOND:** By Selectman Sharps

23 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

24 **MOTION PASSED**
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27 **OLD BUSINESS**

28 Ashland 150th Committee: Discussion ensued regarding Town oversight of the Committee and proper
29 protocol. Committee Chair Sawyer reported that the committee's protocol mirrors the 4th of July
30 Committee, they meet with the Police and Fire Departments on a regular basis and post the minutes of
31 all their meetings. She suggested that if anyone has questions about the 150th celebrations they should
32 contact the Town Administrator, Jane Sawyer, or attend a 150th Committee meeting. She proposed
33 staying as a Town Committee and to proceed as planned. Further discussion followed on historical
34 financial aspects of the Committees.
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36 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sharps

37 *To accept the continuation of the Ashland 150th Committee as a Town Committee.*

38 **SECOND:** By Selectman DeWolfe

39 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

40 **MOTION PASSED**
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42 **MOTION:** By Vice Chair Lamos

43 *To amend the above motion to include the 4th of July Committee.*

44 **SECOND:** By Selectman DeWolfe

45 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

46 **MOTION PASSED**

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2 Committee Chair Jane Sawyer presented an update on the Ashland 150th Committee celebration. Chief
3 Randall clarified that street vendors need to obtain a vendor permit but vendors in the ballpark do not
4 because they fall under the auspice of the 150th Committee. Chair Sawyer has filed an application for a
5 Water Event permit from the Gilford Division of Marine Patrol for the boat parade and distributed
6 copies to the Ashland Board of Selectmen and Police and Fire Departments for the Towns of Ashland
7 and Holderness. Selectman DeWolfe stressed the importance of having volunteers sign waiver forms.
8 DPW Director Moore confirmed that the banners will be being put up this week. Kendall Hughes
9 announced that the parade will be ending at the ballpark where a flag raising will then take place. Chair
10 Sawyer requested that the Board of Selectmen declare Sesquicentennial Day and Week.

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12 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sharps

13 *To declare the week of July 20, 2018 to July 29, 2018 as Ashland Sesquicentennial Week.*

14 **SECOND:** By Vice Chair Lamos

15 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

16 **MOTION PASSED**

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18 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sharps

19 *To declare Saturday, July 28, 2018 as Ashland Sesquicentennial Day.*

20 **SECOND:** By Vice Chair Lamos

21 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

22 **MOTION PASSED**

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25 **NEW BUSINESS**

26 Office Systems of Vermont-Town Office copier: TA Smith explained that the Town was approached
27 by Office Systems of Vermont who currently service the existing copier. A new model was suggested
28 which has more desired functions than the existing copier and would also result in an annual savings of
29 \$630.12. Terms of the new five year agreement are lease payments of \$247.18/month and service
30 agreement payments of \$157.50/quarter.

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32 **MOTION:** By Vice Chair Lamos

33 *To approve the proposal from Office Systems of Vermont for the purchase of a new copier and to*
34 *allow the Town Administrator to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town.*

35 **SECOND:** By Selectman DeWolfe

36 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)

37 **MOTION PASSED**

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40 **SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 41 • Citizen Inquiry: TA Smith read a Citizen Inquiry from former Selectman Tejasinha Sivalingam
42 regarding perceived derision of Selectboard Chair Newton and Selectman Sharps towards Mr.
43 Sivalingam in the matter of then ZBA candidate Kathleen DeWolfe. Mr. Sivalingam requested
44 a public apology from the Selectmen in question. TA Smith sent the inquiry to legal counsel
45 for an opinion and read Attorney Steven Whitley's response. Attorney Whitley's main point
46 was that Selectman Sharps and Chair Newton strongly disagreed with Sivalingam which is not

1 formal censure and therefore does not warrant a public apology. Chair Newton added that the
2 Board of Selectmen have made a decision to no longer address criticisms of the Board of
3 Selectmen in public and will handle any in another way.

- 4 • Ashland Economic Development Committee (AEDC): A Joint Meeting with the AEDC, Lakes
5 Region Planning Committee (LRPC), Nobis Engineering, NHDES, and Ashland Fire Chief
6 Heath will be held at the Ashland Fire Department on Tuesday, June 19th at 9 AM. The public
7 as well as the Board of Selectmen are invited to attend. An update on the Brownfields study at
8 the Heath property will be discussed. Vice Chair Lamos inquired as to why the meeting wasn't
9 being held as part of a scheduled Selectboard meeting. Chair Newton reiterated that the AEDC
10 meeting is a public informational meeting and no formal decisions will be made.
- 11 • Town Office Building –flooring update: The TA has received two quotes so far on carpet and
12 flooring replacement. Vice Chair Lamos added that the Joint Loss Management Committee
13 discussed flooring at their last meeting and recommended carpet tiles, hardwood floors and
14 other easy to clean flooring. Williams Architects will be conducting a walk-through of the
15 Town Hall on Wednesday, 6/6/18 at 10:00 AM for the Land & Community Heritage Investment
16 Program (LCHIP) grant planning study.
- 17 • Other Items: Selectman Sharps congratulated the Ashland students for their amazing Under
18 The Ashland Big Top show. Discussion occurred regarding speed limits near the Town Beach
19 and getting quotes for portable in street yield to pedestrian within crosswalk signs. Selectman
20 DeWolfe said a permit may be needed for the cat tail area near the beach.

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23 **PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)**

24 None

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27 There being no other business, Selectman Sharps made **Motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM.** Vice Chair Lamos
28 seconded. **Roll Call Vote:** Barney, yes, Newton, yes, Lamos, yes; Sharps, yes; DeWolfe, yes.

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31 Respectfully submitted,

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34 Wendy Smith
35 June 6, 2018