

1 **ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**
2 **REGULAR MEETING**
3 **MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2018**
4 **ASHLAND FIRE STATION**
5 **REGULAR MEETING 6:30 PM**
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9 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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12 **CALL TO ORDER**

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

20 Selectman Sharps, Selectboard 150th Celebration representative, expressed thanks on behalf of herself
21 and the Board to all those involved with the Ashland 150th Celebration. The celebration was a great
22 success.
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25 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

26 July 2, 2018-Inserted text into the Public Hearing on the Proposed Project-Rehabilitation of Harvey
27 Heights/Ledgewood Estates Apartments section and the Public Hearing on the Housing and
28 Community Development Plan section per request of Lakes Region Community Development.
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30 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sharps

31 *Approve 7/2/18 minutes as amended.*

32 **SECOND:** By Selectman Barney

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

34 **MOTION PASSED**
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36 July 16, 2018-Pg. 2, line 2 insert “TA Smith was asked by the Board to update them on the legal line at
37 every upcoming meeting to keep them informed of how much money is left in the line.” at the end of
38 the paragraph. Pg. 4, line 29 insert “in September” at end of sentence.
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40 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sharps

41 *Approve 7/16/18 minutes as amended.*

42 **SECOND:** By Selectman DeWolfe

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

44 **MOTION PASSED**
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1 July 18, 2018-Approve as amended.
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3 **MOTION:** By Selectman DeWolfe
4 *Approve 7/18/18 minutes as amended.*

5 **SECOND:** By Selectman Sharps

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

7 **MOTION PASSED**
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10 **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 11 • Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests for the week of 7/16/18 and Payroll for weeks of
12 7/23/18 and 7/30/18 were signed by a quorum of the Board.
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15 **NEW BUSINESS**

16 CNP Assessing – NHNY and EFAR tax abatement agreement: Cindy Perkins of CNP Assessing went
17 over negotiations CNP Assessing had with NHNY Marina Development and EHFAR involving
18 abatements and their past due taxes.
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20 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sharps

21 *Approve abatements based on CNP Assessing’s information.*

22 **SECOND for discussion:** By Vice Chair Lamos

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

24 **MOTION PASSED**
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26 Discussion followed and it was decided to have Patricia Tucker, Tax Collector attend the next Board of
27 Selectmen meeting to give more clarification on the matter.
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29 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sharps

30 *Rescind previous motion, “Approve abatements based on CNP Assessing’s information.”.*

31 **SECOND for discussion:** By Selectman DeWolfe

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

33 **MOTION PASSED**
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36 **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

37 Town Administrator:

- 38 • TA Smith read an email he received from Jeff Stiegler in which he thanked the Ashland public
39 safety officials for their work in making this a safe event for everyone. He also thanked all who
40 were involved in providing such a wonderful event.
41 • NHDOT-TAP grant (West St. to Gordon St. sidewalk project): The construction and
42 construction engineering cost estimates for the 2016 TAP grant application were \$331,284. The
43 2019 estimate is \$454,939 creating a shortfall of \$123,655. DPW Director Moore and TA
44 Smith have scheduled a meeting with NHDOT and KV Partners, the project engineers to discuss
45 the construction costs for this project.
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1 **MOTION:** By Selectman Sharps
2 *Allow TA Smith to negotiate with NHDOT and KV Partners to lower construction costs for*
3 *TAP grant.*

4 **SECOND:** By Selectman Sharps

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

6 **MOTION PASSED**

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8 • Right to Know requests: Former Selectman’s Tejasinha Sivalingam’s voluminous requests for
9 emails, minutes, etc. have cost the Town at least \$3,500 in legal and information technology
10 fees thus far. The legal fees are expected to continue as counsel reviews the email requests.
11 Selectman Lamos, Budget Committee Liaison, said he would bring legal line information to the
12 Board Committee. TA Smith conveyed that the Town has taken great strides in being
13 transparent and asked that if anyone has any question as to how the Town is governed, to please
14 don’t hesitate to ask him or any Department Head.

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17 **SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 18 • Selectman Sharps requested the Boards permission to allow Granite Solar to attend a future
19 meeting to present municipal solar options. She will also invite NH Solar, Frase Electric,
20 Ashland Electric Department and Ashland Water and Sewer to attend.

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22 **MOTION:** By Vice Chair Lamos

23 *Authorize Selectman Sharps to coordinate meeting with solar constituents.*

24 **SECOND:** By Selectman DeWolfe

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

26 **MOTION PASSED**

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28 • Board of Selectmen walk through of the L.W. Packard Mill building: Scheduled tentatively for
29 Saturday, 9/8/18 in the afternoon.
30 • Selectman DeWolfe asked TA Smith to send a letter to the Library Trustees regarding the key
31 to the upstairs room at the library.
32 • Selectman Sharps requested permission to look into plaques for the 150th Committee.

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35 **OLD BUSINESS**

36 None

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

40 Kendall B. Hughes gave an update on the 150th Celebration Committee’s ongoing fundraising activities.
41 The public can get 150th memorabilia such as the commemorative book and tape at Elaine Hughes
42 Realty.

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44 Police Chief Randall thanked everyone who was involved with the 150th Celebration.

1 There being no further business, Selectman Sharps made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 PM. Vice Chair
2 Lamos seconded.
3 Reopened meeting to vote on unsealing nonpublic session minutes of 6/4/18.

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5 **MOTION:** By Selectman DeWolfe
6 *Authorize nonpublic minutes of 6/4/18 to be unsealed.*
7 **SECOND:** By Vice Chair Lamos
8 **VOTE: 5-0 (All in favor)**
9 **MOTION PASSED**

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11 There being no further business, Selectman Sharps made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 PM. Vice Chair
12 Lamos seconded.

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15 Respectfully submitted,

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18 Wendy Smith
19 August 8, 2018