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**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019
ASHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
6:30 PM**

I. PUBLIC HEARING

At precisely 6:30 PM Chairman Frances Newton called opened the public hearing by requesting those in attendance stand to recite the pledge of allegiance. Thereafter, the Chairman opened the public hearing for public comment on the proposed bond warrant article on the 2019 warrant, the bond is for reconstruction of the road and utilities on Thompson Street, High Street, and Smith Hill Road.

- a. *Summary:* Town Administrator Smith explained how the project would be financed through NHDES State Revolving Fund (SRF), and the financial benefits of the program, such as principal loan forgiveness and lower than market interest rates. General discussion from members of the public hearing surrounded the financial impact of the project, infrastructure improvements within this area of town, and the contingency plan if the warrant article failed? Public officials mentioned the importance of passing the article this year as the utility lines need to be replaced, the roads are in bad condition, and delaying the project would cost more in the years to come. Hearing no other comments or questions about the project Chairman Newton closed the public hearing at 7:00 PM.

II. BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

- a. Chairman Newton opened the Board of Selectmen regular meeting at 7:00 PM with a full board present, others present: Town Administrator Charles Smith and members of the Ashland Water & Sewer Commission.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Selectman DeWolfe

To approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from December 17, 2018.

SECOND: Selectman Sharps

VOTE: 5-0 (All in favor)

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: Selectman DeWolfe

To approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from December 27, 2018.

SECOND: Selectman Sharps

DISCUSSION: update pg. 7 line 40, word should be "cemetery" and not "commentary."

VOTE: 5-0 (All in favor)

MOTION PASSED

1 **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- 2 a. **Harvey Estates/Ledgewood Estates** – selection of a grant administrator for the
3 property CDBG rehabilitation project.

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5 **MOTION:** Selectman DeWolfe

6 *To approve Donna Lane – CDBG consultant for the Harvey Estates/Ledgewood*
7 *Estates CDBG rehabilitation project.*

8 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

9 **DISCUSSION:** project does not require matching grant funds or an appropriation.

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

11 **MOTION PASSED**

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13 **V. OLD BUSINESS**

- 14 a. **Ashland Water & Sewer Commissioners:** announced that on January 14th, 2019 the
15 Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 6:00 PM in the Ashland Utility Building
16 for the purpose of up to a \$500,000 bond warrant article with the bond to be used for
17 septage receiving.
- 18 b. **Bond warrant article** – the Commissioners have proposed the article for cash flow
19 purposes and completing the new septage receiving station. Since construction of the
20 original plan the project has had unexpected changes. NHDES has implemented
21 operational requirements. Technology changed and new steel tariffs, both have caused
22 added expenses, and weren't fully budgeted for initially. Current federal government
23 shut down could impact the project as the grant funding's from Northern Boarders.
24 This bond request does not have a tax impact and is paid for through the sewer
25 enterprise fund.
- 26 c. **Septage Receiving Station** – Chairman Toth updated the public about the progress
27 being made with the septage receiving station and the purpose of the bond.
28 Expectations are the new septage building will be received in the coming weeks with
29 the equipment, which is being built to specification, delivered a couple months
30 thereafter. Ashland Water & Sewer sent out an RFP for contractors and plan on
31 announcing the award in February – construction to follow. Once the projects is
32 completed the new septage receiving plant will help protect the lagoons. It would cost
33 over \$1,000,000 to clean the lagoons. Overall, in the future the town might have to
34 move away from the lagoons and towards a treatment facility.

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36 **VI. SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 37 a. Board requested the Town Administrator follow up with town counsel about
38 acceptance of unanticipated funds and the legal parameters around RSA's 31:19, I,
39 31:95 – b, III, (a), 41:99.
- 40 b. Selectman Sharps gave an update about the Ashland Planning Board and their
41 involvement with a watershed study.
- 42 c. Board members reviewed the Chairman's written report for the town report.
- 43 d. 2019 Estimated Revenues were approved.
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1 **MOTION:** Selectman Barney
2 *To approve the town's 2019 estimated revenues.*
3 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
4 **DISCUSSION:** Town Administrator expressed to the board how the revenues are
5 estimated and can be adjusted later, generally before the town sets the tax rate.
6 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
7 **MOTION PASSED**

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9 **VII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

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11 **MOTION:** Selectman DeWolfe
12 *To enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A;3, II (a).*
13 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps
14 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
15 **MOTION PASSED**

16 Board of Selectmen entered nonpublic session at 7:35 P.M. and reconvened at 7:49
17 P.M. Board announced revisions to the job description for the DPW Foreman
18 position.

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20 **MOTION:** Selectman DeWolfe
21 *To enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A;3, II (a).*
22 **SECOND:** Vice Chairman Lamos
23 **VOTE:** 5-0 (All in favor)
24 **MOTION PASSED**

25 Board of Selectmen entered nonpublic session at 7:50 P.M. and reconvened at 8:05
26 P.M. Board members sealed the nonpublic minutes.

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28 **VIII.** Board of Selectmen adjourned their meeting at 8:06 P.M.

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30 *Town Administrator Charles Smith wrote these meeting minutes on January 9, 2019.*
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