

1 ii. **Town manager contract** – Town Manager Smith to work on drafting a
2 contract for the position. Board to review and vote with a full board.

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4 d. **Board of Selectmen Rules of Procedure** – the Board reviewed the rules from 2013
5 and voted to void the policy for the time being. Board’s going to have a work session
6 to adopt new rules of procedure and hold a public meeting to go over legal definitions,
7 official Selectmen duties and procedures.

8 i. **Note:** Selectman Sharps attached comments about this subject which are
9 written below.

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11 **MOTION:** Chairman Newton

12 *To null and void the 2013 Board of Selectmen rules of procedure.*

13 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

14 **VOTE:** 4-0

15 **MOTION PASSED**

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17 e. **Former Ashland Electric Commissioners nonpublic meeting minutes** – board
18 agreed to review the Commissioners sealed nonpublic minutes and determine whether
19 they should be unsealed.

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21 **MOTION:** Selectman Badger

22 *To review the former Electric Commissioners nonpublic minutes.*

23 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

24 **VOTE:** 4-0

25 **MOTION PASSED**

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27 **III. Selectmen Sharps comments about the Board of Selectmen Rules of Procedure:**

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29 *“The Board reviewed a previous Selectmen Rules of Procedure policy written in 2011,*
30 *adopted 2011, amended in 2013, but neither adopted in 2013 and there are no further dates*
31 *and no signatures. The Board unanimously vote to “null and void” the document though*
32 *NHMA said it was unnecessary and had become ineffective in 2014 when a new five-man*
33 *board was seated. The 2014 board through 2019 board did not and have not approved or*
34 *adopted any new rules of procedure which must be voted on at a meeting. The board also*
35 *unanimously vote to “null and void” a lengthier Board of Procedure document, which had no*
36 *signatures and no date at all, no recorded adoption or vote on it either. These decisions are*
37 *now permanent. The board discussed writing new procedures, briefly, but no decisions were*
38 *made at this time. If one is adopted, it is noted, it is a board issue not the publics and does not*
39 *require a public hearing (as draft mins said). Selectman Sharps suggested at a future meeting*
40 *in public and both for the board and public’s benefit the board go over some legal terms, such*
41 *as abstain, chair duties, board member duties, etc. and revisit the “public comment” section*
42 *on the agendas, which was voted on to adopt in 2017.”*

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44 **IV. Board of Selectmen adjourned their meeting at 11:05 a.m.**

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46 *Town Manager Charles Smith wrote these meeting minutes on May 23, 2019.*