



1 District to share their equipment. Board agreed in principle to the agreement but  
2 wanted clarification of wording in the agreement by legal counsel. Board moved the  
3 vote on the agreement to their next meeting.  
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- 5 d. **Ashland Electric – Squam River Hydro agreement**; Ashland Electric currently  
6 buys power from Squam River Hydro that is in excess than the current need and is  
7 above and beyond what’s supplied by their major supplier Vermont Public Power  
8 Supply Authority (VPPSA). In 2018 Ashland Electric purchased from VPPSA 26.7  
9 million/kwh’s and sold 22 million/kwh’s leaving an excess of 4.7 million/kwh’s.  
10 Town Manager referenced the need for the department to be fiscally responsible and  
11 save for future capital expenditures as over the course of three-years the department  
12 has a loss of \$208,7663 after depreciation. Terminating the Squam River Hydro  
13 agreement would save the department an estimated \$100,000 annually.  
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15 **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

16 *To terminate the Purchase Power Agreement between Squam River Hydro, LLC, and*  
17 *the Town of Ashland Electric Department.*

18 **SECOND:** Selectman Badger

19 **VOTE:** 5-0

20 **MOTION PASSED**  
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- 22 e. **Ashland Water user charge/base fee charge**; Board members discussed the Ashland  
23 Water user charge and water rate. Town Manager reported Ashland Water has had a  
24 three-year loss of \$69,925 after depreciation. Water rates are to be at a level that  
25 supports the operations of the department. At their next work session meeting the  
26 Board will hold a public hearing about increasing the user charge and/or water rate.  
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- 28 f. **L.W. Packard Mill Building – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**  
29 **through Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA)** – the town was  
30 awarded a \$12,000 feasibility grant with CDBG/CDFa to study the feasibility of the  
31 L.W. Packard Mill building. Board previously agreed to have Warren Street  
32 Architects complete the study. Board voted on finalizing the agreement.  
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34 **MOTION:** Selectman Badger

35 *To enter into an agreement with Warren Street Architects for a feasibility report on*  
36 *the former L.W. Packard Mill building and have the Town Manager sign the*  
37 *agreement on behalf of the town.*

38 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

39 **VOTE:** 5-0

40 **MOTION PASSED**  
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#### 42 **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- 43 a. **Town Manager updates and Board of Selectmen project list** – the Town Manager  
44 provided updates on town departments and a current status with on going projects  
45 before the board. Town Manager also gave an update on the Headworks/Septage  
46 Receiving Project. Expectations are the project will be completed by the first week in

1 December. Board would like to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony once the project is  
2 completed. Board also reviewed a few alternatives from DPW for completing the  
3 Thompson Street project.  
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5 **V. SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 6 a. **Town meeting** – the Select Board voted on a date for Town Meeting/Deliberative  
7 Session.  
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9 **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

10 *To have the Town Meeting (Deliberative Session) on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m.*  
11 *with a snow date of Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.*

12 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

13 **VOTE:** 5-0

14 **MOTION PASSED**  
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- 16 b. **Primex and VPPSA meetings** – Selectman Badger and Vice Chairman DeWolfe  
17 followed up with the Board about their meetings with town liability insurer Primex  
18 and Ashland Electric’s power supplier VPPSA.  
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- 20 c. **Town Manager evaluation form** – Chairman Newton proposed the Board meet to  
21 finish the evaluation form for the Town Manager position. Board agreed to meet  
22 Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Ashland Water & Sewer Conference Room.  
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- 24 d. **Ashland Heritage Commission** – Selectman membership; Vice Chairman DeWolfe  
25 resigned her position as the Selectman representative on the Ashland Heritage  
26 Commission. As the designated alternate Chairman Newton will become the new  
27 member and Selectman Barney agreed to be the new alternate.  
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29 **VI. NONPBULIC SESSION**

- 30 a. **MOTION:** Selectman Sharps

31 *To enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (l).*

32 **SECOND:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

33 **VOTE:** 5-0

34 **MOTION PASSED**

35 **ENTERED:** 7:43 p.m.

36 **RECONVENED:** 7:53 p.m.

37 **ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Board announced the approval of a letter to Ashland  
38 Historical Society saying the lease agreement will be sent and the town will not to  
39 accept funds for the AHS/Whipple House lease payment.  
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42 **VII. ADJOURNED** – Board adjourned their meeting at 7:55 p.m.  
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44 *Town Manager Charles Smith wrote these meeting minutes on August 20, 2019.*