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**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019  
ASHLAND WATER & SEWER CONFERENCE ROOM  
3:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – the Town of Ashland Board of Selectmen held a work session meeting on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 3 p.m. in the Ashland Water & Sewer Conference Room to prepare the recommended 2020 Ashland Water & Sewer budget. Present for this meeting was Vice Chairman Kathleen DeWolfe, Selectman Eli Badger, Selectman Leigh Sharps, Selectman Casey Barney, Town Manager Smith, and Superintendent Cross.

**II. ASHLAND WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET** – overall the proposed budget for Ashland Water is 6% lower (\$14,719) than the 2019 budget. Selectmen merged line 6770 (New/Replacement Hydrant) with line 6510 (Hydrant Repairs) as the expenses are similar. Selectmen also added \$150 to the postage line (6910).

**MOTION:** Selectman Sharps  
*To recommend the Ashland Water Department budget at \$224,470.*

**SECOND:** Selectman Barney

**VOTE:** 4-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** Selectman Sharps  
*To recommend the Ashland Water Department default budget at \$158,465.*

**SECOND:** Selectman Barney

**VOTE:** 4-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**III. ASHLAND SEWER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET** – overall the proposed sewer budget for 2020 was decreased 10% or \$50,202. Board increased the maintenance line (6640) to \$15,000 as this expense was previously covered by the contract operations agreement with Utility Partners.

**MOTION:** Selectman Sharps  
*To recommend the Ashland Sewer Department budget at \$430,733.*

**SECOND:** Selectman Barney

**VOTE:** 4-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** Selectman Sharps  
*To recommend the Ashland Sewer Department default budget at \$323,164.*

**SECOND:** Selectman Barney

**VOTE:** 4-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**IV.** Meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m. Town Manager Smith wrote these minutes on October 11, 2019.