



1 offered swim lessons, DPW helped with the removal of trees, and a new  
2 security system was installed. Volunteers helped repair the ball field at the  
3 town park. A new A/C unit was donated to the Parks & Rec for the Booster  
4 Club. Director Barney thanked the many businesses and volunteers of the  
5 community for their time and efforts in helping the department and programs.  
6 Director Barney requested support for two warrant articles; one to repair the  
7 tennis and basketball courts, other to change the Capital Reserve Fund (CRF)  
8 to include grounds, which if changed can help with the expenses at the park  
9 and beach.

- 10 iii. **Ashland Fire Department Chief Steve Heath** – immediately mentioned the  
11 success of the new fire fighter per diem program and thanked the town for  
12 their support. Having per diem firemen has vastly improved the department’s  
13 response time. Chief Heath explained about the equipment testing completed,  
14 repairs to Ladder 1, Engine 1, and Ambulance 1. Ashland Fire Department  
15 applied for many grants and was awarded almost \$13,000 which was used to  
16 offset taxation. Next year will be the final year for the fire engine lease  
17 payment.
- 18 iv. **Ashland Department of Public Works Director Craig Moore** – in 2019  
19 DPW Director Moore and his crew responded to 38 snow events that required  
20 treatment of the town roads. DPW helped with the removal of the trees at the  
21 town beach and made improvements to the beach parking lot. DPW ditched,  
22 graded, and capped all the town dirt roads with ledge pack, this improves  
23 drainage and kept the water off the roads. DPW saved the town thousands by  
24 completing site work at the Fire Station, Transfer Station and Wastewater  
25 Treatment Facility prior to paving applications. At the Ashland Transfer  
26 Station, the road leading to the facility was paved. A new storage building and  
27 scale were installed, both items previously approved by town vote. Highland  
28 Street and Leavitt Hill were paved this year. Next year; DPW intends on  
29 working with Water & Sewer to repair Hillside Ave, shim and overlay  
30 Thompson Street, and if approved replace the 2011 Ford F550 truck.
- 31 v. **Ashland Water & Sewer Superintendent Russell Cross** – immediately  
32 mentioned how his position now works under the town. Previously, the  
33 department was administered through a contractual operations consultant.  
34 During the year a few highlights for Water & Sewer; the department had 30  
35 seasonal water turn on/off’s, flushed the water distribution, and had a water  
36 main break on River Street. Water & Sewer met all their permit requirements  
37 with the state. The Headworks & Septage Receiving project is near  
38 completion with expectations being it will finish next spring. Water & Sewer  
39 has two warrant articles this year; first being to study the lagoons with the  
40 other to implement energy efficiency measures at the treatment plant.
- 41 vi. **Ashland Police Department Chief William Ulwick** – gave best wishes to  
42 the staff at the PD who moved onto other career ventures. Ashland PD  
43 welcomed three new police officers and restructured roles. Former Lt Ulwick  
44 was promoted to Chief, Sergeant Gray became Lt., and the PD hired a new  
45 Sergeant. Chief Ulwick thanked former Chief Randall for the support with the  
46 transition to Chief. The PD replaced the 2010 Ford Expedition with a 2019

1 Dodge Ram special services pickup truck. Now the department does not have  
2 to rely on other agencies or towns in moving bicycles or large pieces of  
3 evidence. In 2019, Ashland PD handled 3,885 calls, 1,108 incident reports, 95  
4 arrests, 15 felony case referrals with 26 charges brought forward, 629 citations  
5 written and 116 parking tickets. Chief Ulwick's goal for the department next  
6 year is to have a stronger community policing model. Expectations are police  
7 officers will be present at town events and on foot patrol through downtown.

8 vii. **Ashland Electric Department** – the Town Manager, Smith, provided an  
9 update about AED. Most notable was the department hiring a consultant after  
10 the Superintendent resigned. AED also hired a new apprentice linesman in  
11 2019. Next year AED will be fiscally responsible to build reserves that are  
12 lower than expected. Goal is to improve the infrastructure being, replace old  
13 equipment, line wires, poles, overall to reduce the number of outages.

14 viii. **Ashland Town Office** – the engineering for the sidewalk project (TAP Grant  
15 with NHDOT) is close to complete with expectations are the project will go  
16 out to construction bid in February/March 2020. The Structural Report  
17 (LCHIP study) was sent to the state for approval. Contractors have been  
18 contacted to replace the windows at the Town Office (recommendation from  
19 the LCHIP study).

20 ix. **Ashland Town Library** – installed a little free Library in Memorial Park  
21 where members of the community can read/use/share books at no expense.  
22 The Library also installed a little free pantry were the community can receive  
23 various perishable items.

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25 c. **Ashland Public Works purchase vehicle lift** – DPW Moore requested the approval  
26 for the department purchasing a new vehicle lift. Currently the Town Mechanic uses  
27 floor jacks to work underneath town vehicles, with the newer vehicles this has become  
28 difficult and a cause for safety concerns. Expenditure would be from the Highway  
29 Block Grant (Road Improvement Line) which is revenue received from the state and  
30 no taxation. Board approved the request.

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32 **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe

33 *To approve the purchase of a new vehicle lift for the maintenance of town vehicles*  
34 *with the expense not to exceed \$8,000.*

35 **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

36 **VOTE:** 5-0

37 **MOTION PASSED**

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39 d. **Ashland Police Department purchase of a radar speed trailer** – Chief Ulwick  
40 requested the approval to purchase a new radar speed trailer that would be used to  
41 slow vehicles down in areas around town and keep citizens safe. Chief Ulwick  
42 received three quotes and found the lowest bid (\$6,463) to be the most effective.  
43 Expense for the item will be from the recent unanticipated revenue received from the  
44 state. Board approved the expense.

1           **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe  
2           *To approve the expense of \$6,463 for a speed radar trailer with funds from the*  
3           *unanticipated revenue.*

4           **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

5           **VOTE:** 5-0

6           **MOTION PASSED**

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8   **IV.   SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 9           a.   **Next Board of Selectmen meeting** – Board members confirmed their next meeting to  
10           be Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Water/Sewer Conference Room to  
11           prepare the town warrant.
- 12           b.   **Land Use Public Hearing** – Chairman of the Ashland Planning Board Mardean  
13           Badger notified the public about the upcoming public hearing for amendments to the  
14           town zoning ordinances and building regulations. Public hearings are scheduled for  
15           Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Ashland Water/Sewer Conference Room,  
16           followed by a hearing on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Ashland  
17           Water/Sewer Conference Room.
- 18           c.   **Selectman Announcements** – Selectman Sharps made a motion that any member of  
19           the Board may personally make announcements about nonprofit events but not for  
20           political, religious, and for-profit events unless it benefits the town. Motion was  
21           seconded by Chairman Newton. After further the discussion amongst the Board,  
22           consensus was the board members would adhere to this motion and did not need a  
23           vote. Motion was rescinded by Selectman Sharps.
- 24           d.   **Little Squam Watershed** – Selectman Sharps mentioned that the watershed held their  
25           last meeting of the year. Squam Lake Association has completed a water testing draft  
26           report with the results determining water is very good to excellent on the lake. Report  
27           and the testing results are on the Squam Lake Association website
- 28           e.   **Christmas Night in Ashland** – Selectman Sharps thanked all the volunteers and  
29           public service workers who helped with the event. Selectman Sharps also thanked the  
30           Fire Department and auxiliary for their work with the Christmas toy program.

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32   **V.   NONPUBLIC SESSION**

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34           **MOTION:** Selectman Barney

35           *To enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a).*

36           **SECOND:** Selectman Sharps

37           **VOTE:** 5-0

38           **MOTION PASSED**

39           **ENTERED:** 8:20 p.m.

40           **RENTERED:** 8:49 p.m.

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42   **VI.   ADJOURNED** – Board adjourned their meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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44   *Town Manager Charles Smith wrote these meeting minutes on December 17, 2019.*