

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY January 20, 2020
ASHLAND Water and Sewer Conference Room, 6 Collins Street
6:30 PM

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with a roll call. Fran Newton, Kathleen DeWolfe, Eli Badger, Leigh Sharps, and Casey Barney present.

The Board held two public hearings as follows:

- I. Town of Ashland Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) progress updates:
 - a. Lakes Region Community Developers/Harvey Heights; rehabilitation of 40 existing units of affordable housing (Ledgewood Estates Apartments): Rehab has included siding and insulation, electrical, plumbing and most kitchens and baths as well as upgraded life/safety systems. The project is 63% complete.
 - b. Presentation of findings of the CDBG study to determine the potential re-use of the L.W. Packard Mill/Ashland Properties: In summary, the building is in poor condition. Extensive modifications would be required in all parts of the building and site. Extensive work would be required to bring the building up to code; therefore, complete demolition would be recommended.

There were no comments from the public.

- II. Town of Ashland Warrant: The warrant was open to any questions of comments. Chairman Newton briefly summarized the warrant articles. Several concerns were raised about not including the Thompson Street project on this year's warrant. Newton explained that given the defeat of the article three years in a row, it would be unlikely to pass this year. However, DPW has plans to make extensive repairs to both Thompson Street and Smith Hill Road out of the highway capital reserve fund.

New Business: Chief Ulwick presented Officer John Morretto with a commendation letter after receiving a letter of appreciation and gratitude from an Ashland resident for taking extra measures that likely resulted in saving a life.

There being no other business, the Board adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Newton
1-20-20