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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE
9:00 A.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER – Town of Ashland Chairman of the Board Eli Badger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and requested a roll call of the Selectmen; Vice Chairman Kathleen DeWolfe, Selectman Frances Newton, Selectman Alan Cilley, Selectman Andy Fitch and Chairman Eli Badger all acknowledged they were present via the video conference. Chairman Badger notified attendees that the meeting was occurring over video and teleconference, a provision authorized by the Governor’s Emergency Order #12 that waived the physical presence of board members during the Covid-19 pandemic.

II. 2021 DEPARTMENT BUDGET EXPENDITURE REQUEST

a. Ashland Public Works

i. **Public Works Administration** – for this section of the budget DPW Director Moore requests were in part increased from the collective bargaining agreement (CBA). Training for staff was decreased as most will now be on the web instead of onsite.

ii. **Highway and Streets** – equipment maintenance line was increased as equipment is gaining and costs to maintain are increasing.

iii. **Mechanic** – no changes, position is in the union (CBA).

iv. **Transfer Station** – requested an increase in equipment line for a bailer clamp.

b. Ashland Police Department – Chief Ulwick had a reduction in the equipment maintenance. Prosecution line was decreased \$9,600 from the Chief association hiring a new firm. Chief Ulwick mentioned the future opportunity of the department being part of the county special operations unit. Chief Ulwick discussed with the board a warrant article this year to outfit officers with body cameras.

c. Ashland Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Town Clerk Tucker mentioned how the ballot coding expense will be reduced next year as the town only has one election. A portion of this expense is reimbursed by the school.

III. Next meeting – the Board scheduled Parks and Recreation, Fire Department, and Town Library for budget presentations on Thursday, October 1st at 4 p.m. Followed by the utility departments on Thursday, October 8th at 4 p.m.