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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021
ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE
1:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER – Town of Ashland Chairman of the Board Eli Badger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.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 read a preamble that notified attendees this 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Vice Chairman DeWolfe

To approve the meeting minutes of January 4, 2021.

SECOND: Selectman Newton

VOTE: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **2021 Virtual Town Meeting** – after attending the School Board meeting Selectman Newton reported back to the Board that the School Board voted in favor to allow the town use of the School Gymnasium for the Deliberative Session and Town Vote. Board discussed new state legislation, proposed amendment to SB 2, that would allow towns to delay their town meeting and town vote because of COVID-19. A vote on this proposed amendment was scheduled for January 6th. The Board of Selectmen scheduled a meeting for Friday January 8th, 2021 at 3 p.m. to decide on holding a virtual town meeting.

2. **2021 Town Warrant** – the Board of Selectmen voted on recommendations of warrant articles.

1. Article 6; lease payment for Public Works loader

MOTION: Vice Chairman DeWolfe

To recommend article 6, lease payment for Public Works loader.

SECOND: Selectman Newton

VOTE: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

2. Article 7 Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund

MOTION: Selectman Newton

To recommend article 7 Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund.

SECOND: Vice Chairman DeWolfe

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VOTE: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- 3. Article 8 Police Department Capital Reserve Fund

MOTION: Vice Chairman DeWolfe

To recommend article 8 Police Department Capital Reserve Fund.

SECOND: Selectman Newton

VOTE: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- 4. Article 9 Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

MOTION: Selectman Newton

To recommend article 9 Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

SECOND: Selectman Fitch

VOTE: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- 5. Article 10 Department of Public Works Capital Reserve Fund

MOTION: Selectman Fitch

To recommend article 10 Department of Public Works Capital Reserve Fund.

SECOND: Vice Chairman DeWolfe

VOTE: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- 6. Article 11 Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund

MOTION: Selectman Newton

To recommend article 11 Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund.

SECOND: Selectman Cilley

VOTE: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- 7. Article 12 Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund

MOTION: Selectman Fitch

To recommend article 12 Building Maintenance and Repair Capital Reserve Fund.

SECOND: Chairman Badger

VOTE: 5 – 0

MOTION PASSED

- 8. Article 13 Contingency fund

MOTION: Selectman Newton

To recommend article 13 Contingency fund.

SECOND: Selectman Fitch

VOTE: 5 – 0

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- 9. Article 14 Fire Department Defibrillator
MOTION: Selectman Newton
To recommend article 14 Fire Department Defibrillator.
SECOND: Selectman Fitch
VOTE: 5 – 0
MOTION PASSED

- 10. Article 15 Police Department Mobile Data Terminal
MOTION: Vice Chairman DeWolfe
To recommend article 15 Police Department Mobile Data Terminal.
SECOND: Selectman Newton
VOTE: 5 – 0
MOTION PASSED

- 11. Article 16 Police Department Police Officer Body Cameras
MOTION: Selectman Newton
To recommend article 16 Police Department Police Officer Body Cameras.
SECOND: Selectman Cilley
VOTE: 5 – 0
MOTION PASSED

- 12. Article 17 Change Road Improvement CRF to include bridges
MOTION: Vice Chairman DeWolfe
To recommend article 17 Change Road Improvement CRF to include bridges.
SECOND: Selectman Newton
DISCUSSION: Board members discussed about the importance of future bridge repairs, such as, the Winter St bridge.
VOTE: 5 – 0
MOTION PASSED

- 13. Article 18 Change Fire Department Apparatus/Equipment Fund
MOTION: Vice Chairman DeWolfe
To recommend article 18 Change Fire Department Apparatus/Equipment Fund.
SECOND: Selectman Fitch
VOTE: 5 – 0
MOTION PASSED

- 14. Article 19 Establish Scribner Library and Park Trust Fund
MOTION: Vice Chairman DeWolfe
To recommend article 19 Establish Scribner Library and Park Trust Fund.
SECOND: Selectman Newton
VOTE: 5 – 0
MOTION PASSED

- 1 15. Article 20 Adopt RSA 31:19, Board to accept gifts
2 **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe
3 *To recommend article 20 Adopt RSA 31:19, Board to accept gifts.*
4 **SECOND:** Selectman Newton
5 **VOTE:** 5 – 0
6 **MOTION PASSED**
- 7 16. Article 21 Adopt RSA 202-A, Library retain income
8 **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe
9 *To recommend article 21 Adopt RSA 202-A, Library retain income.*
10 **SECOND:** Selectman Fitch
11 **VOTE:** 5 – 0
12 **MOTION PASSED**
- 13 17. Article 22 PETITIONED: Discontinuance of Class VI Road
14 **MOTION:** Selectman Cilley
15 *To not recommend article 22 PETITIONED: Discontinuance of Class VI*
16 *Road.*
17 **SECOND:** Selectman Fitch
18 **VOTE:** 5 – 0
19 **MOTION PASSED**
- 20 18. Article 23 PETITIONED: Pemi-Baker Community Health
21 **MOTION:** Selectman Newton
22 *To recommend 23 PETITIONED: Pemi-Baker Community Health.*
23 **SECOND:** Selectman Fitch
24 **VOTE:** 5 – 0
25 **MOTION PASSED**
- 26 19. Article 24 PETITIONED: Grafton County Senior Citizens Council
27 **MOTION:** Selectman Newton
28 *To recommend article 24 PETITIONED: Grafton County Senior Citizens*
29 *Council.*
30 **SECOND:** Selectman Cilley
31 **VOTE:** 5 – 0
32 **MOTION PASSED**
- 33 20. Article 25 PETITIONED: Lakes Region Mental Health Center
34 **MOTION:** Selectman Newton
35 *To recommend article 25 PETITIONED: Lakes Region Mental Health Cen-*
36 *ter.*
37 **SECOND:** Selectman Fitch
38 **VOTE:** 5 – 0
39 **MOTION PASSED**
- 40 21. Article 26 PETITIONED: Voices Against Violence
41 **MOTION:** Vice Chairman DeWolfe
42 *To recommend article 26 PETITIONED: Voices Against Violence.*
43 **SECOND:** Selectman Newton
44 **VOTE:** 5 – 0
45 **MOTION PASSED**

46 **IV. ADJOURNED** – the Board of Selectmen adjourned their meeting at 2:16 p.m.