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**TOWN OF ASHLAND  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021  
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 Alan Cilley, Selectman Andy Fitch and Chairman Eli Badger all acknowledged they were present via the video conference, constituting a quorum of the board. 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. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Resignation**

Fran Newton extended her resignation, effective immediately, as a member of the Ashland Selectboard. She expressed that it was a challenge and a pleasure to have worked with BOS members for 7 years. The BOS members accepted her resignation with regret and thanked her for her years of service.

**MOTION:** Kathleen DeWolfe

*To accept the immediate resignation of Fran Newton as a member of the Board of Selectmen*

**SECOND:** Alan Cilley

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 4 – 0

**MOTION PASSED**

**III. NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

**a. Non-Public Session #1**

**MOTION:** Kathleen DeWolfe

*To enter non-public session for the purpose of RSA 91-A:3(b) the hiring of any person as a public employee*

**SECOND:** Andy Fitch

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 4 – 0

**MOTION PASSED:** The Board entered Non-Public Session at 9:08 a.m.

**IV. PUBLIC SESSION** – The Board returned to public session at 10:05 a.m. The Board announced that they voted to hire Fran Newton as the part-time Interim Town Manager,

1 upon the advice of Town Counsel.

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3 **V. NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

4 **a. Non-Public Session #2**

5 **MOTION:** Kathleen DeWolfe

6 *To enter non-public session for the purpose of RSA 91-A:3(a) the dismissal,*  
7 *promotion or compensation of any public employee*

8 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch

9 **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 4 – 0

10 **MOTION PASSED:** The Board entered Non-Public Session at 10:07

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12 **VI. PUBLIC SESSION** – The Board returned to public session at 10:15 a.m. The Board  
13 determined the rate of compensation for the part-time Interim Town Manager.

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15 **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

16 **a. E-mail System**

17 The BOS discussed the current email system and the need for a better and more  
18 secure email system, which could be handled by Microsoft 365. The Interim  
19 Town Manager and the BOS will get input from Notchnet and CCS regarding  
20 costs, server or hosting location, program upgrades and other relevant information  
21 for further discussion.

22 **b. Agenda for next BOS meeting**

23 Ms. Newton asked the BOS members to send agenda items to her for the March  
24 15 meeting.

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26 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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28 *Notes prepared by Mardean Badger*