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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 16th 2021
5:30PM**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Town of Ashland Chairman Eli Badger called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and requested roll call of the Selectmen. Chairman Eli Badger and Selectmen Alan Cilley, Andy Fitch, and Bob Letourneau were present, Ann Barney was absent.

MOTION: Robert Letourneau

To approve the minutes from the August 2nd meeting

SECOND: Andy Fitch

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0

MOTION PASSED

II. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **TAX COLLECTOR ABATEMENTS** – Town Manager Fred Welch presented two abatements to the board for signatures. Both campers are registered and not taxable under the law. Only one of the abatements had all supporting documents of registration, the other did not submit proof.

MOTION: Andy Fitch

To approve the abatement for the camper on lot 018-002-022-008, and hold off on the other until documents are provided.

SECOND: Alan Cilley

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0

MOTION PASSED

- b. **NEW ELECTRIC METERS** – Eaton has quoted lower than Vermont Public Power and Town Manager Fred Welch has worked out a payment plan over 12 months to pay off the new meters without incurring interest. Eaton will be paid \$20,000 per month until the final payment at the end of the 12 months which will be a larger amount. There will be a yearly charge for providing maintenance for software upgrades. The roll out of the new meters is estimated to take place over 8 to 9 months, both old and new meters will be read until the project is complete. Water meters can be added for an additional charge, currently the town

41 will only be moving forward with the electric meters. With the new
42 meters the readings will be more accurate as the current meters are
43 old and do not read at 100% accuracy.
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45 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

46 *To approve moving forward with Eaton for the new electric meters*

47 **SECOND:** Alan Cilley

48 **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 4-0

49 **MOTION PASSED**
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- 51 c. **NEW LOCKS AT THE TOWN HALL BUILDING** – Chief
52 Ulwick presented the updated quote from Northeast Security which
53 is about \$400 less than the quote from A&B. In the quote from
54 Northeast it will include both doors at the Town Hall and the
55 system can be expanded to other doors. The committee discussed
56 what funds that are to be used for the new doors and decided on
57 buildings and grounds.
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59 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau

60 *To use the funds in the buildings and grounds budget for the new locks*

61 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch

62 **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 4-0

63 **MOTION PASSED**
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- 65 d. **PROMOTION OF JOHN MORETTO TO SERGEANT** –
66 Chief Ulwick notified the board that John Moretto has been
67 promoted to sergeant. At this point the police department is
68 seeking a new patrol officer.
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- 70 e. **ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT** – The
71 electric department is still seeking a new superintendent as the
72 current candidate was offered a position elsewhere. A new ad has
73 been put up.
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- 75 f. **CONSTITUENT COMPLAINT** – The board discussed a
76 complaint that a registration that was renewed online had not been
77 mailed to the individual. The board discussed that it may have been
78 lost in the mail and since the filing of the registration it is now a
79 state issue and the individual will have to request a duplicate from
80 the state.

81 g. **UNSHIELDED DUMPSTER** – A dumpster on Leavitt Hill Road
82 was discussed. The dumpster is not in the public’s way, and it is on
83 private property – it can be asked to be pushed back as it is not a
84 permanent structure. Town Manager Fred Welch will respond to
85 complaint about the dumpster.
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87 **III. OLD BUSINESS**

88 a. **FIRE STATION UPDATES** – The fire station is still in need of
89 fixing and the concern is that it needs to be fixed prior to the coming
90 winter. The fire department is currently waiting on quotes in order to
91 start, however, there has been discussion of the town doing it
92 themselves.
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94 **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

95 a. **ANNUAL APPLICATION FOR INSPECTION STATION** –
96 Town Manager Fred Welch passed to the board for them to sign, the
97 annual application for the inspection station for the town’s vehicles.
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99 b. **FINAL WALKTHROUGH ON SIDEWALK PROJECT** – A
100 single telephone pole was missed the original plans from GMI that
101 needs to be installed before the end of August. It will be put in near
102 the sign at Bob’s Sur-Fine. The sidewalk has been assessed that it is
103 ADA compliant.
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105 At this time the board has ended the public meeting and entered the motion
106 to move to Non-Public.
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108 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau

109 *To move into a non-public session pursuant 91-A:3*

110 **SECOND:** Alan Cilley

111 **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 4-0

112 **MOTION PASSED**
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114 **MOTION:** Alan Cilley

115 *To adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm.*

116 **SECOND:** Robert Letourneau

117 **MOTION PASSED**
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