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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
6 COLLINS STREET, ASHLAND NH**

**MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Board of Selectmen Chairman Eli Badger called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Eli Badger and Selectmen Andy Fitch, Bob Letourneau, Ann Barney, and Alan Cilley were present. Town Manager Fred Welch was also present. The meeting was also being aired and recorded via Zoom.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
To approve the minutes of May 3, 2021
SECOND: Ann Barney
Vote: 5 yes (Fitch, Letourneau, Barney, Cilley, Badger) – 0 no
MOTION PASSED
- b. **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
To approve the minutes of May 6, 2021
SECOND: Ann Barney
Vote: 4 yes (Fitch, Letourneau, Barney, Badger) – 0 no – 1 abstention (Cilley)
MOTION PASSED
- c. **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
To approve the minutes of May 17, 2021, as amended
Correction: Page 3, Line 37 should say “Purchasing Policy” instead of “P-Card System”
SECOND: Alan Cilley
Vote: 5 yes (Fitch, Letourneau, Barney, Cilley, Badger) – 0 no
MOTION PASSED

III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **LRPC Commissioner Reappointment, Mardean Badger**
MOTION: Andy Fitch
To reappoint Mardean Badger as a Commissioner to represent Ashland on the Lakes Region Planning Commission
SECOND: ?
Vote: 4 yes (Fitch, Letourneau, Barney, Cilley) – 0 no – 1 abstention (Badger)
MOTION PASSED

1 It was announced that the Town of Ashland has a second position on the Lakes
2 Region Planning Commission that needs to be filled.
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4 **b. Town Investment Policy**

5 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

6 *To approve the updated Ashland Town Investment Policy*

7 **SECOND:** Bob Letourneau

8 Vote: 5 yes (Fitch, Letourneau, Barney, Cilley, Badger) – 0 no

9 **MOTION PASSED**

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11 **c. Repairs to Fire Station Foundation**

12 Mr. Welch reported that there are holes in the foundation of the Fire Station
13 building. Since there is no separate line in the Fire Department budget for
14 building repairs, the cost will have to come from the general building repair line.
15 The BOS members agreed that the repairs need to be done, even though the costs
16 of the repairs are not available yet.
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18 **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

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20 **a. Police Department Move to Utility Building**

21 The Board had a discussion about a proposal to move the Police Department to
22 the utility building at 6 Collins Street. There had been previous discussions, most
23 recently a decision to move the utility clerks back to Collins Street and, prior to
24 that, a decision to move the police operations to the Collins Street building.
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26 Various opinions and points were expressed by BOS members at this meeting.

- 27 • Police Department at 6 Collins Street – This would provide protected
28 space in the 2 garage bays for police vehicles and more room for PD
29 operations. Moving the PD out of the Town Hall would provide space to
30 make the town hall ADA compliant and free up space for all Town Hall
31 staff, including utility clerks.
- 32 • Utility clerks at 6 Collins Street – Moving the utility clerks back to this
33 building would save the electric department and would fix the problem of
34 people waiting in line at the town hall. Moving the utility clerks back to 6
35 Collins Street will let us hire the electric staff that we need (e.g.,
36 superintendent, linesmen).
- 37 • Utility clerks at the Town Hall – Keeping the utility clerk operation in the
38 Town Hall provides financial and time-management oversight. Simply
39 moving the utility clerks back to Collins Street will not save the electric
40 department. The technology in the office needs to be upgraded for the
41 utility clerk operation.
- 42 • Use of the newer Electric Department building – The electric department
43 vehicles should be protected, and the newer building was intended for that
44 purpose. If the main utility building houses the Police Department, there
45 needs to be assurance that the newer building can hold all the Electric
46 Department vehicles and equipment.

1 **c. Fourth of July Committee Update**

2 Mr. Welch reported that he had met with the 4th of July Committee and that
3 volunteer forms, vendor forms, etc. were all being brought into compliance. It was
4 also determined that only a town permit was needed for the road race and would
5 be on the next meeting’s agenda.
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7 **d. Light Fixture**

8 Craig Moore reported that the light pole issue at the Common Man has been
9 resolved. The Board agreed by consensus to using a wood pole for the light in
10 front of the Common Man as one support of the sign.
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12 **VI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

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14 At 6:15 p.m., the Board approved by unanimous roll call vote to go into Non-Public
15 Session for the purposes of RSA 91-A:3, II (a) (c) (e)
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17 **VII. PUBLIC SESSION**

18 The Board resumed the public session. No decisions were announced.
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20 **MOTION: ?**

21 *To seal the non-public minutes*

22 **SECOND: ?**

23 Vote: 5 yes – 0 no

24 **MOTION PASSED**
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26 **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

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28 Alan Cilley said that the Board has heard 2 different plans for automatic meters for
29 the Ashland Electric Department and that the Board needs to move on the purchase of
30 the meters. Chair Badger stated that he wants to know how much money the Electric
31 Department has, what expenses have been encumbered, and the costs involved in the
32 new meters before making that decision.
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34 The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
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38 *Minutes by Mardean Badger*
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