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**TOWN OF ASHLAND  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 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 and Ann Barney.

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To approve the minutes from the September 13th meeting*

**SECOND:** Robert Letourneau

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 4-0, 1 abstention by Ann Barney

**MOTION PASSED**

II. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT THE FUNDS RAISED FOR REPAIRS TO THE COVERED BRIDGE.** A question from the public was asked if the bridge repairs was going up for bid. The Chairman of the Historical Society said that the quote for the repairs came from Graton with the thought that they would be performing the repairs. The public raised concern that Graton has many commitments at this time, with concern that they would not have time to commit to repairs for the bridge. David Ruell discussed that the repairs are 4 small jobs and there is no schedule for completion. The repairs are not for the structure of the bridge, but cosmetic as Craig Moore stated.

**MOTION:** Robert Letourneau

To accept the funds totaling \$28,000 for the repair of the bridge.

**SECOND:** Andy Fitch

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

- b. **PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF MATERIALS FOR REPARIS TO THE BRIDGE.** Materials to repair the bridge have been donated from Belletetes totaling \$3,114.89. The Town is not currently in possession of the materials, Craige Moore will be coordinating with Belletetes on the housing of the materials.

41 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau

42 *To accept the donation of materials for the bridge repairs totaling*  
43 *\$3,114.89*

44 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch

45 **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5-0

46 **MOTION PASSED**

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48 **c. LAND USE BUDGET** – Mardean Badger spoke to the board on  
49 behalf of both the Planning Board and Zoning Board for their  
50 combined budget. The Board was presented with a budget worksheet  
51 as well as a narrative that talked about the increases to the budget.  
52 One additional line has been added to the budget for Contracted  
53 Recording Secretary, this line will be used for the minute taker that  
54 attends two Planning Board meetings a month as well as one Zoning  
55 Board meeting per month. The budget has increased by 50%, one of  
56 the main topics of conversation in the increase was due to the legal  
57 line. Last year the legal lines for the Town were put into a single  
58 account for all departments to use. The Land Use budget is requesting  
59 that the legal lines go back to being separate and have requested  
60 \$3000 for their legal line.

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62 **d. LIBRARY BUDGET** – Alice Staples spoke on behalf of the  
63 Library’s budget. The main increase in the Library’s budget is  
64 salaries. The Library did a wage study against other Town employees  
65 and other libraries employees. They also took into consideration a  
66 living wage calculator from MIT that accounts for the minimum wage  
67 for a single adult in New Hampshire. They have proposed increases in  
68 wages for the existing employee’s and as well as a new wage scale for  
69 new employees. In a sub line under general expenses, there was a  
70 increase requested for cleaning of the library. The Board suggested  
71 looking into the new cleaning company that the Town is using – the  
72 Library has a meeting set up with the Town’s cleaning company. A  
73 comment made from the public was that the Board does not govern  
74 the Library’s budget and that this presentation is for informational  
75 purposes only. Alice Staples included a reminder that the 150 Year  
76 Anniversary of the Library will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10am to  
77 12pm.

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79 **e. SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST BUDGET** – Town  
80 Manager Fred Welch presented the budget on behalf of the

Supervisors of the Checklist. There is an increase in the overall budget due there being three elections in the upcoming year.

- f. **REVOKE POLE LINE LICENSE ON NORTH ASHLAND ROAD FOR TELEPHONE & CABLE** - Town Manager Fred Welch requested investigating the old pole lines that are still on North Ashland road holding telephone and cable lines. The investigation would be into removing the poles and having the lines for Telephone and Cable moved to poles that are currently in use for electricity. The old poles pose a danger as they are rotting.

**MOTION** Andy Fitch  
To investigate revoking the pole license on North Ashland Road  
**SECOND:** Alan Cilley  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5-0  
**MOTION PASSED**

- g. **REPAIRS TO WINTER STREET BRIDGE** – Craig Moore had Graton check the bridge for what needs to be done for the state inspection report. Graton would be able to do the most important parts of the work to be done this year and would be able to finish the project next year. DPW is looking for approval for the quote provided for the work for the bridge and to start the project this year. There is no structural damage to the bridge, the work that needs to be done is preventative maintenance.

**MOTION** Andy Fitch  
*To expend \$16,000 to remove rust from the Winter Street Bridge and paint it.*  
**SECOND:** Alan Cilley  
**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5-0  
**MOTION PASSED**

- h. **INTENT TO CUT PERMIT** – Town Manager Fred Welch brought the Board an intent to cut permit that was received today. Craig Moore requested a copy of the permit as he has concerns on the damages that could be done to Town roads. The Board did not sign the permit as they requested to do more of an investigation on potential damage to Town roads.

121 **MOTION** Andy Fitch  
122 *To table the signing of the permit pending investigation on potential*  
123 *damages to Town roads.*  
124 **SECOND** Ann Barney  
125 **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5-0  
126 **MOTION PASSED**

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128 **III. OLD BUISNESS**

129 **a. COMPLETE ABATEMENT ON REQUEST FOR REMOVED**  
130 **CAMPER 018-002-022-021** – Town Manager Fred Welch presented  
131 an abatement for \$41.26 in which no refund will be issued. There  
132 were two signatures but an additional signature from the Board is  
133 required.

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135 **b. TASER CONTRACT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Chief  
136 Ulwick brought to the Board for approval the new contract for Taser.  
137 The contract is for five years and the increase from the previous  
138 contract is roughly \$1,200. The total agreement is just under \$17,000  
139 across five years is \$3,300 per year.

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141 **MOTION** Robert Letourneau  
142 *To accept the proposal for the 5 year Taser contract and for it to be*  
143 *signed by Town Manager Fred Welch.*

144 **SECOND:** Alan Cilley  
145 **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5-0  
146 **MOTION PASSED**

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148 A reminder was made by Chief Ulwick for the Battle of the Badges  
149 taking place this Saturday 9/25 to raise funds for the raft.

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151 The Board entered a Non-Public Session pursuant RSA 91-A:3, II (c)  
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154 **MOTION** Alan Cilley  
155 *To adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm*

156 **SECOND** Ann Barney  
157 **ROLL CALL VOTE:** 5-0  
158 **MOTION PASSED**