

1 **TOWN OF ASHLAND**
2 **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**
3 **MONDAY, APRIL 18TH 2022, 5:30PM**
4 **UTILITIES BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM**
5 **6 COLLINS STREET, ASHLAND, NH**
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- 7 **I. CALL TO ORDER** – Selectman Bob Letourneau called the meeting to order at
8 5:30pm and started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen: Cilley,
9 Barney, Fitch, and Hartley, were all in attendance.

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11 **MOTION:** Ann Barney
12 *To approve the minutes of the March 21st Meeting*
13 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley
14 **VOTE:** 4-0, 1 abstention: Andy Fitch
15 **MOTION PASSED**

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17 **MOTION:** Alan Cilley
18 *To approve the minutes of the April 4th Meeting*
19 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley
20 **VOTE:** 4-0, 1 abstention: Andy Fitch
21 **MOTION PASSED**

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23 **II. NEW BUSINESS**

- 24 a. **APPLICATION TO BUILD ON A CLASS VI ROAD** – Town Manager Fred
25 Welch presented information for a permit to build on MacDonald Farm Road. The
26 access needed on the road would cross wetlands. The Planning Board has
27 approved the plans. Public Works Director Craig Moore also sent in a letter in
28 favor of the permit.

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30 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley
31 *To approve the application for build on the Class VI Road: MacDonald Farm*
32 *Road, subject to review by counsel*
33 **SECOND:** Ann Barney
34 **VOTE:** 5-0
35 **MOTION PASSED**

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37 b. **APPROVAL OF INTENT TO CUT** – Mr. Welch presented the Board with an
38 Intent to Cut form for Thompson Street.

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40 **MOTION:** Alan Cilley
41 *To approve the intent to cut on Thompson Street as presented*
42 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch
43 **VOTE:** 5-0
44 **MOTION PASSED**
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46 c. **SENATOR ROBERT GIUDA, 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION** – Senator
 47 Giuda gave a presentation on discussions that have been taking place in Concord.
 48 Senator Giuda discussed the efforts that have been made to provide property tax
 49 relief. Other points of discussion are the grants that are currently available such as
 50 the ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act), grants for schools and wastewater.
 51 Senator Giuda touched on election law and that they are working on closing
 52 loopholes, Senator Giuda noted that anyone can go vote by signing an affidavit
 53 and that vote will be counted. Senator Giuda finished with the topic of solar
 54 power and net metering. Mr. Welch added as a note that the Town does not use
 55 net metering. The Board thanked Senator Giuda for his time and information that
 56 was shared.

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 58 d. **SCHEDULING CDBG HEARING ON ST. AGNES CHURCH** – The Board
 59 will be holding a public hearing on the sale of St. Agnes Church on May 23rd. At
 60 this time, they are looking to schedule the meeting at Ashland Elementary School
 61 Cafeteria, if not it would be held at the Utility Office Conference Room.

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 63 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley

64 *To hold the public hearing for the CDBG on May 23rd*

65 **SECOND:** Alan Cilley

66 **VOTE:** 5-0

67 **MOTION PASSED**

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 69 e. **PURCHASE OF OLD ASHLAND SCHOOL BUILDING PROCESS** – Mr.
 70 Welch informed the Board that there are a few things that are needed in the
 71 process of purchasing the Ashland school building for the Library, they will need
 72 title insurance and an inspection. Mr. Welch also informed the Board that there
 73 are covenants on the building. The deed for the building states that the school has
 74 first refusal and the school district. Mr. Welch discussed that there are covenants
 75 from L-CHIP for 20 years, of which the building is in year 9. Mr. Welch along
 76 with the Board feel it is important to go through all the steps properly.

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78 **III. OLD BUSINESS – None**

79 **IV. SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

80 a. Selectman Fitch discussed that his bill with Spectrum has gone up 9%, and said
 81 that is it the second increase while there is no valid contract between Spectrum
 82 and the Town. Mr. Welch stated that he had a rep from Spectrum in the office to
 83 speak with him. Mr. Welch stated that Spectrum is not intending to renew their
 84 contract.

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86 A person from the public was recognized by the Board and asked where the
 87 \$400,000 for the library is being held. David Ruell from the Library Trustee's
 88 responded to the question that the funds are being held at Meredith Village.

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90 At this time the Board motioned to move into a non-public session pursuant to
 91 RSA 91A: 3 II (C).

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MOTION: Andy Fitch
To move into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91A:3 II (C)
SECOND: Ann Barney
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION PASSED

MOTION: Alan Cilley
To seal the non-public session minutes
SECOND: Bob Letourneau
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION PASSED

MOTION: Alan Cilley
To adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm
SECOND: Bob Letourneau
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION PASSED