

**TOWN OF ASHLAND  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2022, 5:30PM  
UTILITIES BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM  
6 COLLINS STREET, ASHLAND, NH**

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Selectman Bob Letourneau called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen: Cilley, Barney, Fitch, and Hartley, were all in attendance.

II. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH PLYMOUTH** – Town Manager Fred Welch brought to the Board’s attention a conversation he had with Anne Abear at the Town of Plymouth. Ms. Abear was concerned about a contract that was ending with cable company that has the Town of Ashland listed as a party. Mr. Welch discussed that there is an expired contract with the cable company that expired in May of 2021. Mr. Welch stated that the cable company is required by State law to have a contract, but that they do not assess penalties, nor do they have any enforcement agency for such contracts. Chairman Letourneau inquired if the cable company pays for use of the poles in Town. Mr. Welch clarified that there are many joint use poles in Town that have reached the age limit for taxation, but also stated that there are many poles to be replaced to which they should charge for use of the poles. The Board speculated on if the cable company would turn to go wirelessly. The Board did not make any decisions on the shared contract with Plymouth at this meeting but stated that they will address the issue at a later date.

b. **REQUEST TO CHANGE A CONTRACT TOTAL FOR WORK ALREADY COMPLETED** – Mr. Welch presented the Board with an invoice that was created as an additional charge for the replacement of the Booster Club roof. The bill is for strapping the roof. Public Works Director Craig Moore recalled that he was told that the company would not need to strap the roof. The additional charge is for \$2,700.

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To not pay the additional billing of \$2,700 for the Booster Club roof.*

**SECOND:** Alan Cilley

**VOTE:** 4-0, 1 abstention: Ann Barney

**MOTION PASSED**

c. **ENACT NO PARKING ZONE ON SCHOOL STREET** – Mr. Welch presented the Board with a request from the school asking to enact restricted parking on School Street. The area of concern is the wall behind the old high school building where parents pick up their children which is to continue as the drop-off/ pick-up area. The question arose on how this would affect the new library building, there was no answer at this time.

47 **MOTION:** Bob Letourneau  
48 *To enact the restricted parking under Chapter 41, Section 11 and Chapter 47,*  
49 *Section 17, VII & VIII to regulate public ways*

50 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch

51 **VOTE:** 5-0

52 **MOTION PASSED**

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54 d. **SIGNATURE ON FORM TO BE RECORDED FOR WORK ON A CLASS**  
55 **VI ROAD** – Mr. Welch presented the Board with the paperwork to be signed for  
56 the work on the class VI road which was previously voted on.

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58 e. **QUESTION OF PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND TRANSFER STATION**  
59 **REGULATIONS** – Chairman Letourneau explained that the amended  
60 regulations enacted, however the public hearing was not held which is required.  
61 The public hearing will take place at their next meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

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63 f. **POWER COT PURCHASE FOR AMBULANCE** – Chief Heath presented the  
64 Board with information about the potential purchase of a power cot for sale from  
65 the Town of Barnstead. The retail cost of a similar cot is upwards of \$16,000 to  
66 \$18,000. The Town of Barnstead is selling one for \$3,500. Chief Heath feels that  
67 this would be a big step forward for the Fire Department.

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69 **MOTION:** Ann Barney

70 *To purchase the Stryker Power Cot for \$3,500 the funds of which are to come*  
71 *from the Fire Capital Reserve Fund*

72 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch

73 **VOTE:** 5-0

74 **MOTION PASSED**

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76 g. **REQUEST FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> BE MUNICIPAL**  
77 **CLERK WEEK** – Mr. Welch presented the Board with a proposed proclamation  
78 for the first week of May to be designated as Municipal Clerk week, this is done  
79 annually.

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81 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley

82 *To approve the proclamation for May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> to be the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual*  
83 *Municipal Clerk Week*

84 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

85 **VOTE:** 5-0

86 **MOTION PASSED**

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88 **Chairman Letourneau took a moment to remember the Old Man of the**  
89 **Mountain as the anniversary of the falling is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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- 92 h. **STATE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR WHITE MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CLUB**  
93 – Mr. Welch discussed with the Board that White Mountain Country Club has  
94 applied for a sports/recreation liquor license. The Board stated that they would  
95 revisit the license at their next meeting.  
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97 **III. OLD BUSINESS – None**

98 **IV. SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 99 a. Chairman Letourneau shared that there are two new employees that have started,  
100 Melissa Howard as Utility Clerk and Luann McAndrews as the new Finance  
101 Assistant as well as the new Electric Superintendent Harry Gallien. Chairman  
102 Letourneau also thanked Craig Moore for being the acting Electric Superintendent  
103 for almost two years.  
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105 b. There will be a public hearing on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Ashland Elementary School  
106 Cafeteria for the sale of St. Agnes Church.  
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108 Once the Board had completed the items on the agenda, a member of the public  
109 introduced himself as the new owner of the Mill Pond Lane Hydro. He inquired as to  
110 who he should talk with about potential plans if he has any, at this time he does not  
111 have any plans. Craig Moore directed him to reach out to Mr. Gallien the new  
112 Electric Superintendent.  
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114 Selectman Barney brought up the department head credit cards and needed  
115 clarification on the amount of the limit. Selectman Barney has a credit card for the  
116 Parks and Rec department and thought that the credit cards had a \$1,500 limit per  
117 purchase with unlimited purchases per month. Finance Director Marissah Gallien  
118 responded that the credit cards were set up as the previous credit cards had been with  
119 a monthly limit of \$1,500 total. Discussion continued between Selectman Barney, Mr.  
120 Moore and the Board of the limit amount of the cards which Selectman Barney and  
121 Mr. Moore feel as though should be adjusted.  
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123 At 6:15pm the Board motioned to adjourn.  
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125 **MOTION:** Alan Cilley  
126 *To adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm*

127 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

128 **VOTE:** 5-0

129 **MOTION PASSED**  
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