

TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16th 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.

MOTION: Andy Fitch

To approve the minutes of April 18th 2022 as written

SECOND: Alan Cilley

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: Andy Fitch

To approve the minutes of May 2nd 2022 as written

SECOND: Ann Barney

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION PASSED

II. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **PUBLIC HEARING: REVISION OF RECYCLING AND USE OF RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION ORDINANCE** – Chairman Letourneau opened the public hearing and explained that a public hearing was not previously held when the revisions to the Transfer Station ordinance had been discussed and voted on by the Board back in 2020. Public Works Director Craig Moore made mention that part of the revisions was the addition of day passes for those that did not live in Town to use the scales. No questions were asked during the public hearing.

MOTION: Bob Letourneau

To adopt the changes to the Recycling and use of Recycling and Transfer Station previously adopted by the Board of Selectmen on September 24th 2020, but without the required public hearing. No Changes to current operations will occur by this adoption

SECOND: Andy Fitch

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION PASSED

- b. **PUBLIC HEARING: TO ACCEPT FUNDS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM STATE** – Police Chief Will Ulwick presented to the Board that the Ashland Police Department with the help from Sergeant Moretto, has applied and will be the recipient of grants from the State. The grants include 2 solar powered speed signs that are semi-permanent once placed, as well as

47 equipment for the cruisers in the form of printers and scanners which will enable
 48 the Police Department to e-file tickets with the State. The estimated amount of the
 49 award is expected to be just under \$15,000.

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 51 **MOTION:** Ann Barney

52 *To accept up to \$20,000 in grant funding in accordance with the requirements of*
 53 *RSA 31:95-b from the State of New Hampshire for the Ashland safety grant. The*
 54 *Chief of Police be authorized to execute all required documents on behalf of the*
 55 *Town*

56 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

57 **VOTE:** 5-0

58 **MOTION PASSED**

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 60 c. **MEETING WITH DAVID PAGE, WHITE MOUNTAIN BREWING**
 61 **COMPANY** – David Page co-owner with Chuck Joy of White Mountain
 62 Brewing Company, presented the Board with plans to expand their current
 63 operation with an outside beer garden, add a service bar with an area for
 64 merchandise as well as a small platform for live music. Currently they are
 65 licensed for outdoor music, but the area for it is close to the road and they would
 66 like to move it out back. From this meeting with the Board, White Mountain
 67 Brewing Company will be meeting with the Planning Board.

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 69 **MOTION: Bob Letourneau**

70 To approve White Mountain Brewing Company to do their expansion on Winter
 71 Street in accordance with the plans they have provided

72 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

73 **VOTE:** 5-0

74 **MOTION PASSED**

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 76 Fire Chief Steve Heath spoke in favor of the expansion for White Mountain
 77 Brewing Company, citing that he has done a walk-thru of the space and that he
 78 has full confidence that the expansion will be in full compliance.

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 80 d. **QUESTION OF ADOPTING POLICY & INSPECTION RULES FOR**
 81 **FUNCTION TENTS** – Currently the Town has not adopted an ordinance for
 82 function tents. Chief Heath presented the Board with the State regulations for tent
 83 inspections. Chief Heath stated that in the absence of the Town having an
 84 ordinance, it would fall back to the State regulations, the Town could adopt an
 85 ordinance that can be more stringent than the State, but it could not be less than the
 86 State. The Board did not move to adopt an ordinance at this time and have
 87 decided to use the State regulations.

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 89 e. **CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH PLYMOUTH** – Town
 90 Manager Fred Welch discussed with the Board that the Town does not currently
 91 have an agreement with the cable company, and it has been almost a year since it
 92 has expired. Mr. Welch stated that to pursue the cable company for an agreement

93 would result in hefty legal fees and he is unsure as to what benefit it would have
94 to do so. The inclination both Mr. Welch and the Board have shared, is that the
95 cable company will go wireless therefore the cable company would not want to
96 pursue new agreements. The Board did not make any motions in regard to the
97 cable company agreement.
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- 99 f. **SIGN SRF AUTHORIZATION FORM** – Mr. Welch presented the Board with
100 an authorization form that is needed for the \$5 Million Wastewater project. The
101 authorization would enable Mr. Welch to sign off on documents for the project.
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103 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley

104 *To authorize the Town Manager to sign all documents related to NHDES CWSRF*
105 *loans and ARPA grants related to the \$5 Million Wastewater Treatment Plant*
106 *project on behalf of the Town of Ashland. Further, that the Town Manager be the*
107 *authorized representative of the Town to request and receive monies coming to*
108 *the Town from these two programs*

109 **SECOND:** Bob Letourneau

110 **VOTE:** 5-0

111 **MOTION PASSED**
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- 113 g. Mr. Welch presented the Board with an abatement form to be signed that was
114 previously approved. As well as two other documents for intent to cut yield taxes.
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116 Mr. Welch also took a moment to mention the public hearing to be held on
117 Monday May 23rd at 5:30 at the Ashland Elementary School Cafeteria for the
118 CDBG \$1 Million grant.
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120 III. **OLD BUSINESS** – None
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122 IV. **SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 123 a. Chairman Letourneau presented for the 4th of July committee, two
124 announcements:
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126 The 4th of July committee is pleased to announce that this years Grand Marshal of
127 the Parade is the Madden Family, Ernie, Debbie, and Austin.
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129 The 4th of July committee is pleased to announce that this years Mary Ruell award
130 recipient is Mrs. Kelly Avery.
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132 Write ups for both announcements will be in the newspaper.
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- 134 b. Mr. Welch had an additional item for the Board. Mr. Welch requested the Board
135 to give permission to approve Chief Heath to apply for assistance in the financial
136 area and to hold a public hearing following should the application be approved.
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139 **MOTION:** Alan Cilley
140 *To allow Chief Heather to apply and accept funds for the Fire Department*
141 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch
142 **VOTE:** 5-0
143 **MOTION PASSED**
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145 **MOTION:** Ann Barney
146 *To adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm*
147 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley
148 **VOTE:** 5-0
149 **MOTION PASSED**