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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11TH 2022, 5:30PM
UTILITY CONFERENCE ROOM
6 COLLINS STREET, ASHLAND NH 03217**

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman 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.

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MOTION: Andy Fitch

To approve the minutes of June 20th as written

SECOND: Rebecca Hartley

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION PASSED

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II. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **QUESTION OF APPROVING ANNUAL TAX MAP MAINTENANCE**

CONTRACT TO 4/1/2023 – Town Manager Fred Welch presented the Board with the 2023 contract from CAI for continuing the maintenance of the online tax map system. Mr. Welch stated that the maps will be online soon. Selectman Fitch asked that the contract be tabled for now until the maps are up online.

MOTION: Andy Fitch

To table the CAI contract discussion until after the maps are online

SECOND: Alan Cilley

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION PASSED

b. **VOTE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND A STATE GRANT FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR PORTABLE RADIO AND PAGER REPLACEMENTS \$46,025.52**

MOTION: Andy Fitch

To accept and expend the funds from the State grant for \$46,025.52

SECOND: Ann Barney

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION PASSED

c. **ASHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT RAFFLE PERMIT 7/13/22-9/3-22** –

The Board was presented with a raffle permit for the Ashland Firefighter's Association to raise funds to build a training facility.

47 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley
48 *To accept the raffle permit for the Ashland Firefighter's Association*
49 **SECOND:** Bob Letourneau
50 **VOTE:** 5-0
51 **MOTION PASSED**

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53 **d. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT FOR COVID-19 POLICE**
54 **COSTS \$13,885** – Mr. Welch presented the Board with a letter from the
55 Attorney General's office with the approval of the grant for the Police
56 Department.

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58 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
59 *To accept the grant funds for the Police Department totaling \$13,885*
60 **SECOND:** Alan Cilley
61 **VOTE:** 5-0
62 **MOTION PASSED**

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64 **e. APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE TAXES FOR**
65 **STATE & FEDERAL FOREST LANDS LOCATED IN ASHLAND –**
66 **RSA 227-H** – Mr. Welch informed the Board that the reimbursement is
67 calculated annually and sent to the Town.

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69 **MOTION:** Ann Barney
70 *To submit the application for reimbursement for State Taxes for State &*
71 *Federal Forest Lands in Ashland*
72 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch
73 **VOTE:** 5-0
74 **MOTION PASSED**

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76 **f. 2021 ABATEMENTS** – The Board received the abatements ordered by the
77 BTLA from the Town's Assessors. The abatements totaled \$15,898.16.

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79 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
80 *To accept the abatements*
81 **SECOND:** Ann Barney
82 **VOTE:** 5-0
83 **MOTION PASSED**

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85 **g. TIMBER TAX ASSESSMENT \$52.16** – Mr. Welch presented the Board
86 with a small cut that was done and filed, and the Town will receive \$52.16.

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88 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
89 *To accept the Timber Tax*
90 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley
91 **VOTE:** 5-0
92 **MOTION PASSED**

- 93 **h. PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL \$17,046.02 TO REPLACE RED**
 94 **LINED POLES** – Mr. Welch presented the Board with a purchase order for
 95 new poles to replace red lined poles. The number of poles to be ordered is 33.
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97 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

98 *To approve the purchase order for new poles totaling \$17,046.02*

99 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

100 **VOTE:** 5-0

101 **MOTION PASSED**

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 103 **i. NOTICE UNION DEMAND TO BARGAIN** – The Board has received
 104 notice that the union contract discussions will begin.
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- 106 **j. LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF NH ELECTRIC CO-OP PROPOSAL FOR**
 107 **FEDERAL FUNDS FOR FIBER-OPTIC HIGH SPEED INTERNET**
 108 **SERVICE** – Mr. Welch discussed with the Board that NH-CO-OP is looking
 109 for support to bring broadband to the Town of Ashland. NH CO-OP has
 110 requested a letter of support.
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112 **MOTION:** Ann Barney

113 *To sign the letter of support for NH CO-OP for broadband*

114 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

115 **VOTE:** 5-0

116 **MOTION PASSED**

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 118 **k. MEETING WITH LIBRARY TRUSTEES** – The Library’s attorney Mr.
 119 Boldt spoke on behalf of the Library to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Boldt
 120 started his speech with his background, stating he has been a library trustee as
 121 well as a selectman. He noted for timeline that the proposed library building
 122 was voted on in March and passed, and a draft purchase & sales agreement
 123 was sent at the end of May. Mr. Boldt understands that the Board wants to do
 124 an inspection and he also understands Tri-Cap (Current owners of the
 125 building), do not want an inspection done until there is a signed purchase &
 126 sales agreement. Mr. Boldt appeared to the Board for their approval of the
 127 agreement and to hear any questions or concerns. Chairman Letourneau
 128 responded on behalf of the Board to Mr. Boldt that the Board will take it
 129 under advisement. Mr. Boldt questioned when he would receive a response
 130 and asked that it be quick to avoid having to go to court. Chairman
 131 Letourneau provided that the Board would take it under advisement and
 132 discuss it with their attorney and provide a response back once it has been
 133 discussed and decided.
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135 **III. OLD BUISNESS – None**
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139 IV. **SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

140 a. Selectman Fitch discussed with the Board the potential for a new Police Station.
141 He has been working with Councilor Kenney on identify a piece of land by the
142 interstate that is currently owned by the State as a place to build a new Police
143 Station.

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145 b. Selectman Cilley recognized Stacie Laauwe for her time and generosity for
146 putting flowers on the bridges and maintaining them.

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148 A member of the public stood up at the end of the Selectboard meeting as asked to
149 read the Selectboard mission statement, when she finished, she suggested that the
150 Board read their mission statement and take it to heart.

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152 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
153 *To enter into a non-public session RSA 91-A:3 (L)*

154 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

155 **VOTE:** 5-0

156 **MOTION PASSED**

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158 **MOTION:** Alan Cilley
159 *To seal the minutes of the non-public session*

160 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch

161 **VOTE:** 5-0

162 **MOTION PASSED**

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164 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley
165 *To adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm*

166 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

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