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**TOWN OF ASHLAND  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 5:30PM  
UTILITY OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM  
6 COLLINS STREET, ASHLAND**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Vice Chairman Cilley called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen Andy Fitch and Rebecca Hartley were in attendance, Chairman Letourneau was absent due to illness and Selectman Ann Barney was absent with notice.

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**MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
*To approve the minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup> as written*  
**SECOND:** Alan Cilley  
**VOTE:** 3-0  
**MOTION PASSED**

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**II. NEW BUSINESS**

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**a. PUBLIC HEARING: AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES** – Town Manager Fred Welch presented that the State has made funds available to be used for Road and Bridge projects that cannot be used in place of existing funds, but to be used with the new budget. David Ruell asked what would happen if the money was not spent, Mr. Welch said that the funds could be carried forward. With there being no additional questions, the Public Hearing closed.

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**MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
*To receive the State funds totaling \$47,354 for Roads and \$62,118 for Bridges*  
**SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley  
**VOTE:** 3-0  
**MOTION PASSED**

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**b. AUTHORITY TO JOIN INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL, 3 YEARS, \$348, BUILDING DEPARTMENT** – Mr. Welch brought to the Board an application to join the International Code Council. This would provide access to the all the codes under the building department. The codes will be changing next year and with the membership we will not have to purchase them.

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**MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley  
*To approve the \$348 to join the International Code Council for three years*  
**SECOND:** Andy Fitch  
**VOTE:** 3-0  
**MOTION PASSED**

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**c. APPROVAL OF ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT OF \$250 EFFECTIVE APRIL 1 2023** – Mr. Welch provided an application for a Veterans tax credit

47 provided from the Town Clerk. Selectman Hartley asked a general question, if a  
 48 Veteran served during a conflict would they be eligible for a higher exemption.  
 49 Mr. Welch responded that it could go as high as \$750 and added that under certain  
 50 circumstances they can be completely exempt from taxes.

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 52 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
 53 *To approve the Veteran tax credit*  
 54 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley  
 55 **VOTE:** 3-0  
 56 **MOTION PASSED**

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 58 **d. LEGISLATIVE POLICY CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE 9-23-22,**  
 59 **DESIGNATION OF VOTING MEMBER** – NHMA puts together topics for  
 60 policies and principles every two years for towns. The committees are made up of  
 61 volunteers. Mr. Welch encouraged the Board to review the information provided  
 62 by NHMA and determine if a Selectman should attend and vote on the items.  
 63 Selectman Fitch stated that he would not vote to send a selectman as he himself  
 64 will not be able to attend as he will be in California. Vice Chairman Cilley feels  
 65 that there is time to find someone to attend but that it is better to table the  
 66 discussion as the full Board is not present.  
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 68 **e. CONSTITUTION WEEK** – Mr. Welch shared that he had been contacted by the  
 69 Pemigewasset Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to ask  
 70 the Town to consider declaring September 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Constitution week. The  
 71 Board felt they should wait until the full Board is present to vote.  
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73 **III. OLD BUISNESS – None**  
 74 **IV. SELECTBOARD ITEMS – None**

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 76 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
 77 *To enter into a non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3 II (C) & (D)*  
 78 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley  
 79 **VOTE:** 3-0  
 80 **MOTION PASSED**

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 82 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley  
 83 *To seal the minutes of the non-public session*  
 84 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch  
 85 **VOTE:** 3-0  
 86 **MOTION PASSED**

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 88 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley  
 89 *To adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm*  
 90 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch  
 91 **VOTE:** 3-0  
 92 **MOTION PASSED**