

**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 5:30PM
UTILITY OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
6 COLLINS STREET, ASHLAND**

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

MOTION: Ann Barney

To approve the minutes of September 12th as written

SECOND: Rebecca Hartley

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION PASSED

II. NEW BUSINESS

a. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS QUARTERLY REPORT –

Amanda Loud of the Trustees of the Trust Funds provided an update on the trust funds. The 6 funds that are in Vanguard are doing well, Ms. Loud mentioned that although stocks are down, bonds are up. The interest rates on the Capital Reserve Funds have increased. Ms. Loud mentioned that Vanguard charges for paper statements on each of the accounts so the trustees have gone paperless as it costs about \$20 per account. Ms. Loud continued that of the 10 trusts, 6 are in Vanguard, and the remaining 4 trusts are still in legal. Of the 4 in legal, 2 are cemetery trusts which Ms. Loud explained are not under the purview of the Town. The remaining 2 trusts are still in legal due to the Town tax ID not being on them. Chairman Letourneau asked Ms. Loud about a withdrawal on the Green Grove Cemetery Trust for \$225 that was reported on the 2022 MS-9. Ms. Loud suggested that the withdrawal was due to the fees and said she would confirm.

b. AFFORDABLE ROOFING PAST BILLING QUESTION – Josh from Drew's

Affordable Roofing came to discuss the work that he did himself on the Booster Club roof. Josh stated that he had had a conversation with Selectman Barney about the need for strapping during the project and provided her with a range of how much it may cost. Selectman Barney did not recall this conversation but added that she does remember having a conversation about snow removal. Chairman Letourneau provided minutes from the meeting where the Booster Club roof was approved with the contract from Drew's Affordable Roofing. The minutes of April 19th 2021 where Mr. Letourneau had made the motion to accept the proposal for \$10,995 and was seconded by Selectman Alan Cilley had a note of discussion where Eli Badger had asked if the proposal had noted any possible cost overruns or contingencies and Selectman Barney stated there was no such language. Chairman Letourneau added that the Board's responsibility is to the taxpayers and that there was no change or modification to the contract and the overrun was not approved by the Board. Selectman Cilley added that they would

47 have known they needed strapping when the estimate was done, Josh replied that
 48 the sales person that did the estimate didn't know as much as he should have.
 49 Public Works Director Craig Moore said that he was there during the estimate
 50 being made and the salesperson did get on the roof and at that time the roof was
 51 torn, and you could see the area that now has strapping on it. Selectman Cilley
 52 added that it would have been nice to have a representative come and speak with
 53 the Board when it was requested.
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55 **c. REQUEST FOR BOARD OF HEALTH BARBER SHOP APPROVAL FOR**
 56 **STATE** – The Board moved on from this agenda item as the individual was not in
 57 attendance.
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59 **d. AUTHORITY FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SELL USED TASERS** –
 60 Chief Ulwick presented the Board with a quote from Accredited Security to
 61 purchase the Police Department's old tasers. The PD had to purchase new tasers
 62 last year due to the inability to get new batteries for their current tasers and due to
 63 that the software would not be getting updated anymore. The PD has 7 tasers and
 64 about 30 batteries to be sold which could result in a few hundred dollars. The
 65 Chief is seeking authority to sell the tasers.
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67 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley

68 *To allow the Police Chief to get a quote and sell the tasers*

69 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

70 **VOTE:** 4-0

71 **MOTION PASSED**
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73 **e. QUESTION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE CONSERVATION**
 74 **COMMISSION** – Chairman Letourneau tabled the agenda item as the individual
 75 was not in attendance.
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77 **f. QUESTION OF REVISING THE DISORDERLY ACTIONS ORDINANCE**
 78 – Chairman Letourneau was discussing the ordinance with the Building Inspector
 79 due to the Thompson Street project which he feels has taught us a lesson. The
 80 project has been starting at 6am and working on weekends. Chairman Letourneau
 81 added that citizens have commented that they are happy the Board is doing
 82 something about it.
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84 **g. INTERIM TOWN MANAGER** – The Board was provided RSA 37:8 where the
 85 Board can appoint a temporary Town Manager. Selectman Barney asked if we
 86 knew the length of time, Chairman Letourneau replied that we do not know at this
 87 time.
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93 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley
94 *To appoint Marissah Gallien as the acting Town Manager during Fred Welch's*
95 *absence*

96 **SECOND:** Alan Cilley

97 **VOTE:** 3-0, 1 abstention: Bob Letourneau

98 **MOTION PASSED**

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100 **III. OLD BUISNESS**

101 a. **TAX MAPS** – The tax maps are now up online. Chairman Letourneau brought to
102 the Board that now that the maps are online, they need to release the ability to add
103 the additional funds for the online tax maps to the proposed budget for next year.

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105 **MOTION:** Bob Letourneau

106 *To release the funds for CAI to be put in the 2023 budget*

107 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

108 **VOTE:** 4-0

109 **MOTION PASSED**

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111 **IV. SELECTBOARD ITEMS – None**

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113 **MOTION:** Bob Letourneau

114 *To enter into a non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3 II (C) & (D)*

115 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

116 **VOTE:** 4-0

117 **MOTION PASSED**

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119 **MOTION:** Bob Letourneau

120 *To seal the minutes of the non-public session*

121 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

122 **VOTE:** 4-0

123 **MOTION PASSED**

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125 **MOTION:** Ann Barney

126 *To adjourn the meeting at 7pm*

127 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

128 **VOTE:** 4-0

129 **MOTION PASSED**