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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 17TH, 5:30PM
UTILITY CONFERENCE ROOM
6 COLLINS STREET**

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I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Letourneau called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen Andy Fitch, Ann Barney, Rebecca Hartley and Charles Bozzello were in attendance.

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MOTION: Andy Fitch

To approve the minutes as written for April 3rd

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SECOND: Rebecca Hartley

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VOTE: 5-0

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MOTION PASSED

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II. NEW BUSINESS

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a. QUARTERLY APPROPRIATION PAYMENT BY AGREEMENT TO THE LIBRARY

MOTION: Andy Fitch

To issue the Library's quarterly payment of \$7250

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SECOND: Ann Barney

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VOTE: 5-0

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MOTION PASSED

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b. GRANT EXPENDITURE APPROVAL – HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

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\$7500 – Town Manager Fred Welch talked with the Board about the grant that the Town received and asked for permission to spend it once the funds are received.

MOTION: Robert Letourneau

To expend the Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds once received

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SECOND: Charles Bozzello

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VOTE: 5-0

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MOTION PASSED

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c. TAX COLLECTOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE NOTICES TO LIENHOLDER NOTICES TO MORTGAGEE – Mr. Welch provided the

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Board with a form to allow the Tax Collector the authority to issue notices to remind people that they need to pay their taxes.

MOTION: Andy Fitch

To approve the authority for the Tax Collector to issue notices to lienholders

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SECOND: Rebecca Hartley

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VOTE: 5-0

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d. **AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR 2023 WASTEWATER STATE GRANTS –**
Mr. Welch asked for the Board’s permission to apply for 2023 Wastewater State Grants that would go towards maintaining the facility.

MOTION: Robert Letourneau
To approve applying for the Wastewater Grant
SECOND: Charles Bozzello
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION PASSED

e. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

MOTION: Andy Fitch
To appoint Kendall Hughes to the Planning Board
SECOND: Ann Barney
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION PASSED

MOTION: Charles Bozzello
To appoint Tim Peters to the Zoning Board
SECOND: Andy Fitch
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION PASSED

A note was made that Paula Hancock was sworn in at the last Planning Board meeting.

Chairman Letourneau added that they need to create a study committee for the waste to energy facility. Chairman Letourneau feels that there should be 5 members with one member being from the Board of Selectmen.

MOTION: Charles Bozzello
To create a study committee for the Waste to Energy Facility
SECOND: Andy Fitch
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION PASSED

The Board received a letter from Bonnie Bethune that asked to be a part of the Waste to Energy Facility Committee. Selectman Bozzello volunteered to be a member of the committee as well.

93 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
94 *To appoint Alan Cilley as Chairman of the Waste to Energy Facility Study Committee*
95 **SECOND:** Ann Barney
96 **VOTE:** 5-0
97 **MOTION PASSED**

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99 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
100 *To appoint Bonnie Bethune to the Waste to Energy Facility Study Committee*
101 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch
102 **VOTE:** 5-0
103 **MOTION PASSED**

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105 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
106 *To appoint Ray Mason to the Police Station Study Committee*
107 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley
108 **VOTE:** 5-0
109 **MOTION PASSED**

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111 f. **PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL FOR CRACK SEALING ROADS,**
112 **\$16,800** – The Board was presented with a purchase order for \$16,800 for crack
113 sealing of roads.

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115 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
116 *To approve the purchase order of \$16,800 for crack sealing of roads*
117 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello
118 **VOTE:** 5-0
119 **MOTION PASSED**

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121 g. **SEWER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE** – Mr. Welch provided the
122 Board with proposed rules and regulations for a sewer system development
123 charge. Vice Chairman Fitch cited that he felt section 5 item 4 does not seem fair
124 if your house burned down and suggested that it should only apply if you
125 purposely demolished the building. The cited section talks about when the charge
126 would be assessed. Chairman Letourneau suggested moving the discussion to the
127 next meeting.

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129 Mr. Welch added that NH Co-op wants to spray de-vegetation spray near their
130 lines. People would need to apply to not have them spray. This item will be
131 discussed at the next Board meeting.

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133 Mr. Welch also added that terminations for non-payment for Electric customers
134 have occurred. Out of 25 customers, only one customer was shut off as they did
135 not pay nor did they make arrangements to pay.

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137 **III. OLD BUSINESS – None**

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139 **IV. SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

- 140 a. Selectman Barney talked with the Board about Summer Camp, and asked for
141 consideration that Summer Camp be a week longer. The funds are not in the
142 budget but will be offset by the income from the cost of the camp. The Board
143 gave their consensus to allow the additional week.
- 144 b. Chairman Letourneau asked for the Board's approval for a proclamation for
145 "Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters". Chairman Letourneau has been working
146 on this with Kendall Hughes. The Board would like to read the proclamation and
147 give approval May 1st. The Board suggested simply approving the proclamation at
148 this meeting.

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150 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
151 *To approve the proclamation*

152 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

153 **VOTE:** 5-0

154 **MOTION PASSED**

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156 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
157 *To enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 6:10pm*

158 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

159 **VOTE:** 5-0

160 **MOTION PASSED**

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162 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
163 *To seal the minutes of the non-public session*

164 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch

165 **VOTE:** 5-0

166 **MOTION PASSED**

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168 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
169 *To adjourn the meeting at 7:13pm*

170 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch

171 **VOTE:** 5-0

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