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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 1ST, 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 Ann Barney, Rebecca Hartley and Charles Bozzello were in attendance. Selectmen Fitch as absent with notice.

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MOTION: Rebecca Hartley
To approve the minutes as written for April 17th
SECOND: Charles Bozzello
VOTE: 4-0
MOTION PASSED

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II. NEW BUSINESS

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a. TAX COLLECTOR – NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES PROCESS – Town Clerk/Tax Collector Patricia Tucker asked to enter a non-public session with the Selectmen.

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MOTION: Rebecca Hartley
To enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II
SECOND: Charles Bozzello
VOTE: 4-0
MOTION PASSED

MOTION: Robert Letourneau
To seal the minutes of the non-public session
SECOND: Rebecca Hartley
VOTE: 4-0
MOTION PASSED

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b. TOWN TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS – Walter Durack of the Trustees of the Trust Funds discussed with the Board the four trusts that have issues that require the help of a lawyer. Two of the trusts are for the Library and the other two are cemetery funds for perpetual care. The trusts for the Library are in need of help as they do not have the Town's tax ID on them and they are unsure as to what number is on the accounts. The discussion moved to the Green Grove Cemetery. Mr. Durack stated that the Trustees would like access to the lawyers as lawyers can obtain the knowledge of what numbers are on the accounts. Chairman Letourneau questioned if the cemetery trust is truly the Green Grove trust or just a cemetery trust. Chairman Letourneau also stated that they need to know where the money came from, what is its purpose, and how much it is. Mr. Durack discussed that the Trustees have some perpetual care cards from the AG but we don't know all of who and how much came into the cemetery account. Mr. Welch provided

47 the 1945 and 1975 Town reports that contained the cemetery trusts that the Town
 48 is supposed to have. Mr. Welch discussed that the plan of action should be to get
 49 the AG office to write to the Senator who will talk to IRS to find out whose
 50 number is on the accounts. Mr. Welch stated that they will need to get to the IRS
 51 or Social Security Administration to find out the numbers and added that it may
 52 be worth discussing this with Jeanne Shaheen.

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 54 **c. BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER THE SQUAM RIVER, E-115 LINE**
 55 **REPLACEMENT** – Roy Sheehan from Eversource spoke with the Board about
 56 the project E115- line which goes from New Hampton to Holderness. The line is
 57 about 15 miles it was built in 1947. There is one section of line that is in New
 58 Hampton and Ashland that Eversource has been working with the landowner with
 59 a bridge is in need of repair. And due to the difficulty of access to that area a new
 60 bridge would benefit everyone and Eversource would also have access in the
 61 future. The proposed bridge is 16 X 100 ft and Eversource is looking to start the
 62 build this month. Eversource would also like to install a gate to deter unwanted
 63 access to the bridge and asked that the Selectmen sign an agreement for the gate
 64 which would be installed on the North side. Eversource, the Town and the
 65 landowner would have access to the gate. They will also be leaving the old bridge
 66 in place as there is a larger concern on trying to remove it. Eversource will retain
 67 ownership of the bridge and the liability of the bridge.

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 69 **MOTION:** Charles Bozzello
 70 *To approve the bridge project*

71 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

72 **VOTE:** 4-0

73 **MOTION PASSED**

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 75 **d. AMBULANCE PURCHASE** – Chief Heath had previously shared the three
 76 proposals for the purchase of the new ambulance with the Board. Chief Heath
 77 discussed with the Board that there was a difficulty with the timing of when an
 78 ambulance would be available. One of the significant changes that is needed for
 79 our ambulance is storage areas and the jump seat which gives better access to the
 80 patients. Chief Heath gave thanks to the committee that looked at all of the
 81 options for the new ambulance. The Osage ambulance would be available to us by
 82 early next summer. The Fire Department is also looking for a power cot which
 83 would alleviate the lift for the EMTs into the ambulance. If the Board chooses to
 84 select the Osage ambulance there us a prepayment option that gives a \$10,000
 85 discount. The remainder of the over expense of the ambulance would also come
 86 from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

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 88 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau

89 *To prepurchase the ambulance \$321,838 to come from the Fire Department Capital*
 90 *Reserve Fund*

91 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

92 **VOTE:** 4-0

93 **MOTION PASSED**

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- e. **FIRE DEPARTMENT PUMP REPAIR ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST** – Chief Heath discussed a previously approved expenditure for the pump repair. The invoice came in over the \$17,000 that was previously approved, the new amount is \$18,202.12 as there were unanticipated additional repairs that were needed.

MOTION: Rebecca Hartley
To approve the additional fund request from \$17,000 to \$18,202.12 from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund
SECOND: Charles Bozzello
VOTE: 4-0
MOTION PASSED

Selectmen Hartley took this time to read the Fallen Fire Fighter Proclamation.

- f. **PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL: PAVING PLEASANT AND MECHANIC STREET \$50,568.95** – The Board was presented with a purchase order for approval for paving work.

MOTION: Robert Letourneau
To approve the purchase order for the paving of Pleasant and Mechanic Street for \$50,568.95
SECOND: Rebecca Hartley
VOTE: 4-0
MOTION PASSED

- g. **NOTICE OF VEGETATION CONTROL SERVICE SPRAYING** – NH Co-op will be sending out letters to all those who own property near NH Co-op’s lines letting them know that they will be spraying vegetation control. The letter will allow owners to decline spraying over their property.

- h. **SEWER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE** – Mr. Welch had previously provided the Board with rules and regulations for sewer system development.

MOTION: Robert Letourneau
To approve the rules and regulations to the Sewer System Development Charge Effective April 1, 2023
SECOND: Rebecca Hartley
VOTE: 4-0
MOTION PASSED

- i. **ARCHIVER RECORDS HANDLING REQUIREMENTS** – The Board was provided a written procedure for the handling of records.

140 **MOTION:** Charles Bozzello
141 *To approve the archives record handling requirements effective March 4th, 2023*

142 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

143 **VOTE:** 4-0

144 **MOTION PASSED**

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146 **j. REQUEST FOR RIGHT OF WAY OVER PRIVATE PROPERTY TO A**
147 **BURIAL GROUND** - The Board moved this topic to their next meeting.

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149 **k. REPLACEMENT OF TOWN HALL AIR CONDITIONING ON FIRST**
150 **FLOOR** – Mr. Welch talked with the Board about getting quotes for the
151 replacement.

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153 **l. NO PARKING CHURCH SIDE OF TOWN HALL AGAINST BUILDING –**
154 The Board discussed the issue of people parking against the Town Hall as it is a
155 fire lane, however they cannot ticket people as there is no sign. The Board gave
156 their consensus to get a sign.

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158 **III. OLD BUSINESS – None**

159 **IV. SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

160 a. Frank Stevens would like to be appointed to the Planning Board

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162 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
163 *To appoint Frank Stevens to the Planning Board for a period of 3 years*

164 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

165 **VOTE:** 4-0

166 **MOTION PASSED**

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168 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
169 *To enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 7:08pm*

170 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

171 **VOTE:** 4-0

172 **MOTION PASSED**

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174 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
175 *To seal the minutes of the non-public session*

176 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

177 **VOTE:** 4-0

178 **MOTION PASSED**

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180 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
181 *To adjourn the meeting*

182 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

183 **VOTE:** 4-0

184 **MOTION PASSED**