1		TOWN OF ASHLAND
2		BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
3		MONDAY, MAY 15TH 2023, 5:30PM
4		UTILITY CONFERENCE ROOM
		6 COLLINS STREET
5 6		0 COLLINS STREET
7	I.	CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Letourneau called the meeting to order with the
8		Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen Andy Fitch, Ann Barney, Rebecca Hartley, and
9		Charles Bozzello were in attendance.
10 11	II.	NEW BUSINESS
12		a DIULDING DEDMIT The Duilding Inspector Daven Thibacult saled for the
13		a. BUILDING PERMIT – The Building Inspector Devon Thibeault asked for the
14 15		Board's consideration to extend his current building permit.
16		MOTION: Robert Letourneau
17		To allow the Building Inspector to make a new building permit and issue it to himself.
18		Scope of work to remain the same as the prior permit.
19		SECOND: Charles Bozzello
20		VOTE : 5-0
21		MOTION PASSED
22		
23		b. MINUTES OF MAY 1 ST
24		
25		MOTION: Charles Bozzello
26		To approve the Minutes of May 1^{st} as written
27		SECOND: Ann Barney
28		VOTE: 5-0
29		MOTION PASSED
30 31		c. SIGNATURE OF LABOR CONTRACT – The Board approve the Union
32		Contract at their last meeting, it has been prepared for signatures.
33		Contract at them last meeting, it has been prepared for signatures.
34		d. SPRAYING NORTH ASHLAND ROAD, NH CO-OP – NH Co-op will be
35		spraying North Ashland Road and Route 175. The Town of Ashland owns the
36		poles on North Ashland Road and could handle the vegetation.
37		
38		MOTION: Robert Letourneau
39		To deny NH Co-op from spraying on North Ashland Road.
40		SECOND: Andy Fitch
41		VOTE: 5-0
42		MOTION PASSED
43		
44		e. APPROVAL OF SALE BY WRITTEN SEALED BID OF 2003 FORD 350
45		PICK-UP – The Board approve the sale of a 2003 Ford 350 pick up by sealed
46		bid.

47	MOTION: Charles Bozzello
47	To approve the written sealed bid of a 2003 Ford 350 pick-up.
48 49	SECOND: Ann Barney
49 50	VOTE: 5-0
51	MOTION PASSED
52	
53	f. REQUEST TO LEASE 96 COLLINS STREET, LOT 8 FOR A CELL
54	TOWER FOR US CELLULAR - The Board received a letter asking to lease
55	part of a lot that is owned by the Town of Ashland. The Board discussed that the
56	bid US Cellular put in was low and that the Town may want to use that land for an
57	alternate project. The Board has asked Town Manager Fred Welch to find out
58	exactly which piece of land they are looking at and to renegotiate the price as well
59	as to find out if permission is needed from DES for use of the land.
60	
61	g. REQUEST BY FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BUILD A TRAINING
62	FACILITY AT THE WWTF – The Fire Department would like to create
63	realistic simulations for training their department. No fires would be used. The
64	facility would be made up of 3 shipping containers on a pad and could be
65	removed if needed. This facility would be at no cost to the Town.
66	
67	MOTION: Robert Letourneau
68	To approve the Fire Department training facility at the Wastewater Treatment
69	Facility at no cost to the Town.
70	SECOND: Charles Bozzello
71	VOTE: 5-0
72	MOTION PASSED
73	
74	h. SIGN BRIDGE GATE AUTHORIZATION FOR NEW BRIDGE ACROSS
75	THE SQUAM AT THE WWTF – The Board previously had approved the
76	bridge gate at the WWTF they now need to sign the authorization form.
77	
78	MOTION: Andy Fitch
79	To approve the bridge gate at the Wastewater Treatment Facility
80	SECOND: Ann Barney
81	VOTE: 5-0
82	MOTION PASSED
83	
84	i. COMMENDATION FOR LT. DEREK GRAY – Chief Ulwick asked to read
85	the commendation made for Lt. Derek Gray.
86	
87	"In the early morning hours of April 29, 2023, Lt. Gray was dispatched to a call
88	involving an individual with a knife. It was reported that there was an assault and
89	that the individual made threats to harm themself and any responding officers.
90	
91	Lt. Gray requested assistance from other area officers and was assisted by officers
92	of the Holderness and Plymouth Police Departments. Lt. Gray, due to being on

93		call, was the third officer to arrive on scene. The scene was tense, with the
94		individual holding a large knife and cutting themself. The individual was known
95		to Lt. Gray and, as soon as the individual recognized that Lt. Gray was on scene,
96		began to calm down. Lt. Gray's impeccable de-escalation skills resulted in the
97		individual relinquishing the knife and there was a peaceful resolution to the
98		incident.
99		
100		Any situation of this nature is unpredictable and has dire consequences if not
101		handled perfectly. Lt. Gray's professional competency and quick thinking
102		resulted in a successful outcome. Lt. Gray is commended for his actions."
103		
104	III.	OLD BUSINESS – None
105		
106	IV.	SELECTMEN'S ITMES - None
107		
108		MOTION: Robert Letourneau
109		To enter into a non-public session pursuant to 91 -A:3, II (C)
110		SECOND: Andy Fitch
111		VOTE: 5-0
112		MOTION PASSED
113		
114		MOTION: Andy Fitch
115		To seal the minutes of the non-public session
116		SECOND: Robert Letourneau
117		VOTE: 5-0
118		MOTION PASSED
119		
120		MOTION: Andy Fitch
121		To adjourn the meeting
122		SECOND: Robert Letourneau
123		VOTE: 5-0
124		MOTION PASSED