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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 10TH, 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: Rebecca Hartley
To approve the Minutes of June 19th as written
SECOND: Ann Barney
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION PASSED

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MOTION: Andy Fitch
To approve the Minutes of July 3rd as written
SECOND: Charles Bozzello
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION PASSED

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II. NEW BUSINESS

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a. WHIPPLE HOUSE GUTTERS – The Historical discussed with the Board the need to install gutters on the Whipple House.

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MOTION: Andy Fitch
To allow the Historical Society to put up gutters on the Whipple House at no expense to the Town.
SECOND: Ann Barney
VOTE: 4-0-1 (Rebecca Hartley Abstained)
MOTION PASSED

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b. RAGNAR REACH THE BEACH RUNNING RELAY RUN THROUGH ASHLAND

MOTION: Robert Letourneau
To approve the relay
SECOND: Andy Fitch
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION PASSED

- c. BUILDING INSPECTOR – FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT BUILDING FORMS** - The Building Inspector Antonio “Devon” Thibeault discussed that none of the building permits currently include the floodplain issues. FEMA gave Mr. Thibeault some sample permits that he would like to rework to make them fall more

47 in line with the ones that the Town already has and make them applicable to the types
48 of floodplains in Ashland. Mr. Thibeault is looking for the Boards approval to move
49 forward with his proposal. The Board gave their consensus for him to move forward.
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51 **d. PURCHASE OF STATE OWNED LAND. ACCEPT DONATION OF \$500**
52 **FOR FILING FEE**

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54 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau

55 *To continue to move forward in searching for a piece of land for municipal uses*

56 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch

57 **VOTE:** 5-0

58 **MOTION PASSED**

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60 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

61 *To accept the donation of \$500 for the filing fee. If the purchase does not go through*
62 *the money will be returned to us.*

63 **SECOND:** Robert Letourneau

64 **VOTE:** 5-0

65 **MOTION PASSED**

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67 **e. SITE PLAN WHITE MOUNTAIN CC – POSSIBLE ABUTTERS NOT**

68 **LISTED** – The site plan for the White Mountain Country Club was given to the
69 Planning Board but it was incomplete as they didn't have a complete list of
70 abutters. The Country Club also needs to apply for an intent to cut for lumber that
71 has already been cut.

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73 **f. APPOINTEE TO THE LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION**

74 **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – A member is needed
75 from the Board to attend the meetings so that we can continue to receive grant
76 money. An alternate is needed as well.

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78 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau

79 *To appoint Selectmen Bozzello to the Lakes Region Planning Commission*

80 *Transportation Advisory Committee*

81 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

82 **VOTE:** 5-0

83 **MOTION PASSED**

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85 **g. ACCEPTANCE OF \$40,000 FROM GRAFTON COUNTY**
86 **COMMISSIONERS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED**

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88 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

89 *To accept \$40,000 from the Grafton County Commissioners*

90 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

91 **VOTE:** 5-0

92 **MOTION PASSED**

93 **h. APPROVAL OF BUILDING PERMIT FOR TOWN CAMPGROUND,**
94 **LOT 3**

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96 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

97 *To approve the building permit on lot 3*

98 **SECOND:** Robert Letourneau

99 **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (Ann Barney Abstained)

100 **MOTION PASSED**

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102 **i. CERTIFICATION TO DRA, TOWN WILL NOT UTILIZE FORM PA28**
103 **IN 2024**

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105 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley

106 *To not use form PA28 in 2024*

107 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

108 **VOTE:** 5-0

109 **MOTION PASSED**

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111 **j. REIMBURSEMENT TO TOWN FOR FEDERAL & STATE FOREST**
112 **LANDS**

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114 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

115 *To accept the reimbursement funds for Federal & State forest lands*

116 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

117 **VOTE:** 5-0

118 **MOTION PASSED**

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120 **k. TAX EXEMPTION FOR STACIE LAAUWE**

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122 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

123 *To approve the tax exemption for Stacie Laauwe on 22 High Street effective 4/1/2024*

124 **SECOND:** Robert Letourneau

125 **VOTE:** 5-0

126 **MOTION PASSED**

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128 **III. OLD BUSINESS – None**

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130 **IV. SELECTMEN'S ITMES**

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132 a. Vice Chairman Fitch reported that all of the 1900's Town Reports have been uploaded on
133 the website. The next step will be the 1800's but a few years are missing 1875, 1877,
134 1878, 1879. The Historical Society stated that they have the missing years and will get
135 copies to the Town.
- 136 b. Vice Chairman Fitch discussed commercial operators dumping in the dumpster at the
137 Transfer Station. Fitch feels as though the commercial operators should be required to use

138 the scale and be charged. This discussion comes from knowing that some operators are
139 not properly recycling and creating additional costs to the Town and tax payers.

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141 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

142 *To charge commercial operators \$71.97 per ton if they are going to tip their dump*
143 *pickups into the hopper. This is in addition to the \$100 dump sticker. They should*
144 *also supply the names & addresses of their customers.*

145 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

146 **VOTE:** 5-0

147 **MOTION PASSED**

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149 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

150 *To schedule a public hearing to put the above motion into action*

151 **SECOND:** Robert Letourneau

152 **VOTE:** 5-0

153 **MOTION PASSED**

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155 c. Town Manager Fred Welch made a proposal to the Board to make the Building Inspector
156 the Code Enforcement Officer so that he can enforce building codes.

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158 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

159 *To make the Building Inspector the Code Enforcement Officer*

160 **SECOND:** Robert Letourneau

161 **VOTE:** 5-0

162 **MOTION PASSED**

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164 d. Kendall Hughes thank the Board and the community members for participating in the 4th
165 of July.

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167 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau

168 *To enter into a non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3 (a, c, & d) at 6:40pm*

169 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

170 **VOTE:** 5-0

171 **MOTION PASSED**

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173 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

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

175 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

176 **VOTE:** 5-0

177 **MOTION PASSED**

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179 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau

180 *To adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm*

181 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch

182 **VOTE:** 5-0

183 **MOTION PASSED**