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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 24TH 5:30PM
UTILITY CONFERENCE ROOM
6 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.

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11 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
12 *To approve the Minutes of June 10th as written*
13 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley
14 **VOTE:** 5-0
15 **MOTION PASSED**

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17 **II. NEW BUSINESS**

18 **a. PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND RECYCLING AND USE OF**
19 **TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER ORDINANCE**

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21 The changes to the ordinance are for commercial haulers that are going to the hopper
22 and dumping. Moving forward they will need to use the scales as there are haulers
23 that are not recycling and creating a cost to the Town.

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25 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
26 *To amend ordinance #20 Recycling and the Use of the Recycling/Transfer Station to*
27 *generally amend the ordinance concerning the disposal of materials by commercial*
28 *haulers effective August 1st, 2023*
29 **SECOND:** Robert Letourneau
30 **VOTE:** 5-0
31 **MOTION PASSED**

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33 **b. APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT**
34 **AGREEMENT**

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36 The grant had been discussed at a previous meeting. The Chief of Police stated that
37 the Town has been authorized for the Grant.

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39 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
40 *To approve the acceptance of the Highway Safety Grant and approve the Chief of*
41 *Police is allowed to approve and sign the paperwork for the State*
42 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch
43 **VOTE:** 5-0
44 **MOTION PASSED**

47 **c. APPROVAL OF ACTIVITY CONDUCTED ON A STATE HIGHWAY**

48 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
49 *To approve the Reach the Beach run*

50 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch

51 **VOTE:** 5-0

52 **MOTION PASSED**

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55 **d. REQUEST OF BRUCE NELSON TO EXTEND A BUILDING PERMIT**
56 **FOR 30 DAYS**

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58 Bruce Nelson asked for an extension on his building permit and the Building
59 Inspector had no issues with the extension.

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61 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
62 *To extend the building permit for Bruce Nelson*

63 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

64 **VOTE:** 5-0

65 **MOTION PASSED**

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67 **e. ELECTRIC CHARGE OFF OF UNPAID FINAL BILLS \$1,642.37 – 2021 &**
68 **2022**

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70 These are renters that did not leave a forwarding address and the bills are
71 uncollectable.

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73 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
74 *To charge off the unpaid Electric Bills in the sum of \$1,642.37*

75 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

76 **VOTE:** 5-0

77 **MOTION PASSED**

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79 Cynthia Butrim \$257.50, Mercedes Arnold \$219.08, Kelsey Toolin \$268.14, Chad
80 Avery \$83.75, Samantha Jenness \$58.55, Ryan Rafferty \$74.62, Leigha Rebello
81 \$494.30, Evan Simmons \$114.90, Christopher & Kaitlin Rinck \$11.13, Joshua Cate
82 \$49.87, Megan Marra \$10.53

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84 **f. TERMINATION OF VERIZON LAND LEASE AGREEMENT UNDER**
85 **PAID BY \$36,964.51**

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87 Town Manager Fred Welch had the lease audited and they have under paid the
88 Town by \$36,964.51. Mr. Welch would like to be able to write them a letter
89 demanding payment. If they do not make a payment then the lease will be
90 terminated.

93 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
94 *To give the Town Manager authority to use the best method to collect \$36,964.51*
95 *from Verizon on our land lease*

96 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

97 **VOTE:** 5-0

98 **MOTION PASSED**

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100 **g. VENDOR AGREEMENT WITH TRI-CAP FOR 2024**

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102 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau

103 *To give the Town Manager the authority to sign the agreement as written*

104 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

105 **VOTE:** 5-0

106 **MOTION PASSED**

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108 **h. JEREMY P. SMITH, PE, WALDRON – WASTE TO ENERGY PLANT**

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110 Waldon gave a presentation to discuss the potential waste to energy plant here in
111 Ashland. The company works in landfills and municipal solid waste to transform
112 waste to energy. Their most recent project is in Lebanon to change landfill gas to
113 electrical energy that will go back into the grid and proceeds back to the
114 municipality. Some of the ash that is made can have a monetary value to make
115 concrete. The discussion went to making the most efficient process for a
116 municipality. Part of the process of the plant would have a traveling magnet
117 assembly that would pull out any metals as this would be harmful to the plant.
118 Municipal waste will create heat which through a process will generate energy, it
119 was noted that a water source would be required. When talking about how much
120 energy could be generated, Mr. Smith explained that every ton of waste at scale
121 would produce 550 kwh at a 50-megawatt scale, 36 tons an hour for 1 megawatt.
122 However, this would need to be determined by how much the Town would be
123 able to take in. If the plant were to be small, it could take more tons per hour to
124 generate the same amount of energy.

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126 Harry Gallien Electric Superintendent was asked how much the Town uses per
127 month, his answered that we use about 2.8 megawatts per month, but it depends
128 on usage, cold months it can be 2.3 to 2.4 megawatts per month. Public Works
129 Director Craig Moore spoke about the district that we belong to for Municipal
130 Solid Waste and that they generate about 6800 tons per year. A study would need
131 to be done to determine what size the Town should pursue.

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133 **III. OLD BUSINESS – None**

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139 **IV. SELECTMEN'S ITMES**

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- 141 a. Selectmen Barney talked with the Board about a question from the Church that
- 142 asked if they could use the Beach on August 27th for worshiping and to use the
- 143 snack shack for electricity and to hold a free barbecue for anyone on the Beach.
- 144 The Board is concerned with setting a precedent that the Beach would become a
- 145 place to hold events. The Board tabled the discussion until they receive more
- 146 information.
- 147 b. Mr. Welch has a request for a wedding ceremony to take place on the covered
- 148 bridge. The wedding is October 13th, Mr. Welch asked him to write a letter to
- 149 explain how many people would be in attendance and any other information, as
- 150 the road would need to be closed. The Board tabled the discussion until the letter
- 151 is received.

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153 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

154 *To enter into a non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3 (a, b & c)*

155 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

156 **VOTE:** 5-0

157 **MOTION PASSED**

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159 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

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

161 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

162 **VOTE:** 5-0

163 **MOTION PASSED**

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165 **MOTION:** Charles Bozzello

166 *To adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm*

167 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch

168 **VOTE:** 5-0

169 **MOTION PASSED**