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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 21 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 Rebecca Hartley, and Charles Bozzello were in attendance. Vice Chairman Andy Fitch and Selectmen Ann Barney were absent with notice.

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MOTION: Rebecca Hartley
To approve the Minutes of August 7th as written
SECOND: Charles Bozzello
VOTE: 3-0
MOTION PASSED

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II. NEW BUSINESS

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a. PURCHASE OF NEW TRUCK FOR ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT –

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The Electric department received 6 quotes for the purchase of a new truck and the one present to the Board was the best of the quotes. The purchase will be for a F350 Ford Super Duty.

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MOTION: Robert Letourneau
To approve the purchase of a F350 truck from Grappone Ford for \$56,525 from line 04-4351-10-745
SECOND: Charles Bozzello
VOTE: 3-0
MOTION PASSED

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b. SIGNATURE OF DRA FORM 535 – The Board signed form 535 for DRA submission.

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c. SIGNATURES FOR REQUEST OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS FROM ROADS & BRIDGES – The Board signed the request for disbursement from a previously voted purchase.

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d. APPROVAL OF TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLE, NOISE ORDINANCE – Chief Ulwick spoke on the changes to the Noise Ordinance. One of the changes is in regard to truck noise in section 1 number 7. The Chief noticed a spelling error that should be corrected, the current copy says “awful order” and it should be corrected to “lawful order.” The major change comes in separating the Noise Ordinance from the Disorderly Actions Ordinance so that each ordinance is its own.

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MOTION: Robert Letourneau
To accept the written language of the amended Noise Ordinance with exception to correct “lawful order”

SECOND: Charles Bozzello

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION PASSED

e. APPROVAL DRAFT DISORDERLY ACTIONS AMENDMENT FOR TOWN MEETING – No changes have been made with exception to separating the Noise Ordinance language into its own ordinance.

MOTION: Robert Letourneau
To accept the re-write of the Disorderly Actions Ordinance

SECOND: Charles Bozzello

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION PASSED

f. APPROVAL OF PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES, NEW LAW – The Board discussed how non-public meeting minutes are released. The new law states that all non-public minutes older than 10 years shall be released with some exceptions. Town Manager Fred Welch discussed that a year at a time will be copied and given to the Board members for a determination on if the minutes should remain sealed. The minutes that are released would not be published but would be available to the public to look at. Mr. Welch gave the Board a proposal for a procedure for reviewing the sealed minutes and it was tabled until the next meeting with all members of the Board in attendance.

g. APPROVAL OF VENDOR PERMIT APPLICATION, DEW DROP IN –

MOTION: Robert Letourneau
To approve the vendor permit application for Dew Drop In for their license fee

SECOND: Charles Bozzello

VOTE: 3-0

MOTION PASSED

h. APPLICATION OF STATE DOT TO PURCHASE LAND OFF I-93 – the Board discussed the preliminary research of a piece of land off I-93 for a site that could be used for a Police Department as well as a Fire Department or a public safety complex.

93 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
 94 *To approve the letter that is to be sent to the State along with the funding that was*
 95 *donated, to purchase the land off of I-93.*

96 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

97 **VOTE:** 3-0

98 **MOTION PASSED**

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- 100 **i. QUESTION OF REPLACING AND FUNDING GUARD RAILS ON**
 101 **NORTH ASHLAND ROAD** – The Board was notified of the issue of guard rails
 102 that need replacing on North Ashland Road. Public Works Director Craig Moore
 103 provided the Board with one quote for replacement. The question was asked, if
 104 the Town purchased the materials, could the Public Works Department install the
 105 rails. Mr. Moore said no and that the guard rails must be installed by professionals
 106 with specialized equipment, the Public Works Department is not certified to
 107 install them. Selectman Hartley added that the State DOT does not install them
 108 either, they use contractors.

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110 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau

111 *To approve the expense of \$22,400 for used posts and 2 eagrts (cited from proposal)*
 112 *to use and approve VT Recreational to replace old guard rails*

113 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

114 **VOTE:** 3-0

115 **MOTION PASSED**

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- 117 **j. REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH LAKES REGION COMMUNITY**
 118 **DEVELOPERS ON MILL POND ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL** –
 119 Mr. Welch suggested that the meeting take place on the second meeting in
 120 September to give time to review the material that as been sent over in regard to
 121 the Mill Pond Road project.

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- 123 **k. QUESTION OF REFUND TO ASHLAND COMMUNITY CENTER** – Mr.
 124 Welch spoke on the refund. The new treasurer of the Ashland Community Center
 125 was unaware of the filing period for tax exemptions but was told that they were
 126 tax exempt. The Community Center received a tax bill this year and paid it. Mr.
 127 Welch is asking for direction to process the refund, and that no motion is needed
 128 at this time. The Board gave their allowance to go ahead and get the refund
 129 process started.

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- 131 **l. QUESTION OF A PILOT AGREEMENT WITH SNHS ELDERLY**
 132 **HOUSING** – The housing development at the end of West Street. No new
 133 agreement has been made since 2018 and they have been paying the lessor of the
 134 options to be paid to the Town in lieu of taxes. Mr. Welch stated that the lessor
 135 amount is roughly \$10,000 less than what it would have been. They would have
 136 been responsible for the municipal portion of the tax rate, not the school portion.

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138 **m. QUESTION OF APPROVING A PILOT AGREEMENT WITH NFI**
139 **INSTITUTIONAL HOUSING** – This housing is new this year, but would have
140 the same tax situation as the previously mentioned housing on West Street.

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142 The Board gave their permission for Mr. Welch to draw up the agreements.

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144 **n. QUESTION OF APPOINTING A COMMITTEE FOR WASTE TO**
145 **ENERGY** – Selectmen Hartley spoke on the establishment of the Waste to
146 Energy committee. The Board is made up of Alan Cilley, Charles Bozzello and
147 Bonnie Bethune. They need 2 more members for the Board and all of them would
148 need to be sworn in.

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150 **III. OLD BUSINESS – None**

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152 **IV. SELECTMEN'S ITMES - None**

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154 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
155 *To enter into a non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3 (c & d) at 6:28pm*

156 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

157 **VOTE:** 3-0

158 **MOTION PASSED**

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160 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
161 *To seal the minutes of the non-public session*

162 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

163 **VOTE:** 3-0

164 **MOTION PASSED**

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166 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
167 *To adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm*

168 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

169 **VOTE:** 3-0

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