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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH 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 all in attendance.

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11 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley

12 *To approve the Minutes of August 21st as written*

13 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

14 **VOTE:** 3-0-2 (Selectmen Fitch & Barney abstain)

15 **MOTION PASSED**

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17 **II. NEW BUSINESS**

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19 **a. APPROVAL OF NEW FLOODPLAIN FORMS, BUILDING**

20 **DEPARTMENT** – Building Inspector Antonio “Devon” Thibeault spoke with
21 the Board about the required forms from FEMA which will keep the Town in
22 compliance. Should the Town not be in compliance claims could be denied in the
23 event of a catastrophic incident.

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25 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

26 *To approve the flood plane forms, but not the administrative process*

27 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

28 **VOTE:** 5-0

29 **MOTION PASSED**

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31 **b. SWEARING IN OF WASTE TO ENERGY FACILITY COMMITTEE –**

32 Chairman Letourneau performed the swearing in of Alan Cilley, Charles
33 Bozzello, Craig Moore, Harry Gallien, and Will Hess.

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35 **c. APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF THE LANDFILL GROUNDWATER &**
36 **GAS MONITORING INSPECTIONS CONTRACT 2024-2028** – The total
37 cost of the contract for years 2024 to 2028 is \$43,100.

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39 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

40 *To approve the Landfill Groundwater & Gas Monitoring Contract 2024-2028 for*
41 *\$43,100*

42 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

43 **VOTE:** 5-0

44 **MOTION PASSED**

47 **d. QUESTION OF SIGNING A STATE WETLANDS PERMIT FOR**
48 **REPAIRS** – Mary Mackey, a citizen in Town, needs a DES permit to repair their
49 property that was damaged on the waterfront.
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51 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
52 *To approve the DES permit for Mary Mackey*
53 **SECOND:** Robert Letourneau
54 **VOTE:** 5-0
55 **MOTION PASSED**
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57 **e. DPW REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER TO**
58 **PURCHASE A RIDE ON BLOWER** – Public Works Director Craig Moore
59 discussed with the Board the purchase of a 2019 standup leaf blower. The
60 department rents this piece of equipment every year, Mr. Moore feels that it
61 would be used more if it was owned. Mr. Moore asked to expend \$6,000 from the
62 Public Works equipment budget line and the remaining \$3,900 be taken from the
63 Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund for a total of \$9,900.
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65 **MOTION:** Charles Bozzello
66 *To approve the purchase of a 2019 standup leaf blower for \$9,900.*
67 **SECOND:** Ann Barney
68 **VOTE:** 4-1 (Selectmen Fitch – No)
69 **MOTION PASSED**
70 Selectmen Fitch opposed the purchase due to the lack of paperwork provided to make
71 to the decision.
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73 **III. OLD BUSINESS – None**
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75 **IV. SELECTMEN’S ITMES**

76 a. Selectman Barney discussed with the Board the Ashland Community Center’s
77 donation of \$5,000 for the “Adopt a Camper” program, which helps kids pay for
78 the Parks & Recreation programs.
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80 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
81 *To accept the Ashland Community Center donation of \$5,000*
82 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley
83 **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (Selectman Barney Abstained)
84 **MOTION PASSED**
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86 b. Selectman Barney brought to the Board an updated fee schedule for the
87 Campground sites. The increases in the campground budget for 2024 include
88 \$5,500 for tree removal and an increase in waste removal. Selectman Barney
89 reviewed the campground budget and to break even the fees will need to increase
90 by \$300 per site.
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93 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley
94 *To approve the updated fee schedule for the campground by \$300 per site*
95 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch
96 **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (Selectman Barney Abstained)
97 **MOTION PASSED**

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99 Discussion continued regarding the Campground contract and wording that needed to
100 be updated. Updates included the updated fees as well as to include a \$500 non-
101 refundable deposit that is due by the end of Columbus Day Weekend.
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103 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
104 *To approve the \$500 non-refundable deposit for the Campground contract due by the*
105 *end of Columbus Day Weekend*
106 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello
107 **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (Selectman Barney Abstained)
108 **MOTION PASSED**

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110 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
111 *To enter into a non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3 at 6:20pm*
112 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley
113 **VOTE:** 5-0
114 **MOTION PASSED**

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116 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
117 *To seal the minutes of the non-public session*
118 **SECOND:** Ann Barney
119 **VOTE:** 5-0
120 **MOTION PASSED**

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122 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley
123 *To adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm*
124 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch
125 **VOTE:** 5-0
126 **MOTION PASSED**