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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024
UTILITY CONFERENCE ROOM
6 COLLINS ST, ASHLAND NH**

7 **I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Letourneau called the meeting to order with the Pledge of
8 Allegiance. Selectmen Ann Barney, Andy Fitch, Charles Bozzello and Rebecca Hartley were
9 all in attendance.

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11 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
12 *To approve the minutes of January 8th as written*
13 **SECOND:** Robert Letourneau
14 **VOTE:** 5-0
15 **MOTION PASSED**

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17 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
18 *To approve the minutes of January 16th as written*
19 **SECOND:** Robert Letourneau
20 **VOTE:** 5-0
21 **MOTION PASSED**

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24 **II. NEW BUSINESS**

25 **a. QUESTION OF ACTION REGARDING SPITE FENCE** – Chairman Letourneau
26 suggested that the matter be given to legal council for them to review the
27 paperwork.

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29 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
30 *To send the information about the spite fence to legal*
31 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello
32 **VOTE:** 5-0
33 **MOTION PASSED**

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35 **b. QUESTION OF WATER QUALITY ABATEMENTS** – Town Manager Fred
36 Welch discussed with the Board about the procedure for dealing with abatements
37 during the spring/summer months when people are using water for their gardens.
38 The Board discussed that they will look at customer consumption when it gets to
39 that time and discuss it with the Superintendent.

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41 **c. QUESTION OF A CABLE TV LICENSE** – Mr. Welch discussed that the
42 current company has not held a license in Town since 2021. They recently send a
43 renewal contract however Mr. Welch stated that it has not been updated or
44 reviewed and suggested that they should make a full application for the license
45 and open it up for bids. The Board gave their consensus to start the process as
46 discussed.
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d. QUESTIONS OF RENEWING A TAX MAP MAINTENANCE CONTRACT RSA 31-95 -

MOTION: Andy Fitch
To authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract for the Town of Ashland
SECOND: Charles Bozzello
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION PASSED

e. QUESTION OF ACTION ON AN APPOINTMENT APPLICATION – The Board received an application from an individual that wants to join the Waste to Energy committee. The Board discussed that they don’t need more voting members, but that Charlie would call and welcome her to join the meetings.

f. QUESTION OF A CROSS COUNTRY WATER/SEWER EASEMENT THOMPSON STREET – The Board put this item on hold as the application is not complete.

g. QUESTION OF BIDDING ASSESSING SERVICE, BOARD OF ASSESSORS – The current Assessors have provided the Town with a renewal contract that has been approved by the State. Mr. Welch suggested that the contract be opened up to bid, the Board gave their consensus to open it up to bid.

h. QUESTION OF APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF A BUILDING PERMIT -

MOTION: Andy Fitch
To approve the building permit extension for David Lee for 6 months
SECOND: Charles Bozzello
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION PASSED

III. OLD BUSINESS – None

IV. SELECTMEN’S ITMES

a. The Board discussed getting business cards for the Health Inspector

MOTION: Andy Fitch
To authorize the Health Inspector to order the minimum amount of business cards that he can use to identify himself
SECOND: Rebecca Hartley
VOTE: 5-0
MOTION PASSED

b. The Board noted that they will be meeting on Friday to sign off on the Warrant, it will be a posted meeting.

- 94 c. Selectman Bozzello shared that there will be a Waste to Energy meeting on January
95 31st at 5pm at the school to provide information about the project and the public will
96 be welcome to ask questions.
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- 98 d. Mr. Welch discussed that there is a case currently with the Board of Land & Tax
99 Appeals for Squam River Hydro to which a refund will need to be issued in the
100 amount of \$29,020.99.

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102 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
103 *To abate \$29,020.99 to the Squam River Hydro as mandated by the Board of Land &*
104 *Tax Appeals*

105 **SECOND:** Robert Letourneau
106 **VOTE:** 5-0
107 **MOTION PASSED**

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109 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
110 *To enter into a non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3 (a, b & c) at 6pm*

111 **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley
112 **VOTE:** 5-0
113 **MOTION PASSED**

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115 **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau
116 *To seal the minutes of the non-public session*

117 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch
118 **VOTE:** 5-0
119 **MOTION PASSED**

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121 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
122 *To adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm*

123 **SECOND:** Ann Barney
124 **VOTE:** 5-0
125 **MOTION PASSED**