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**TOWN OF ASHLAND  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024  
UTILITY CONFERENCE ROOM  
6 COLLINS ST, ASHLAND NH**

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

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**II. NEW BUSINESS**

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**a. BOARD APPROVAL FOR HEARING ON BUILDING FEES, FEBRUARY 19, 2024** – The Board will not be available to meet on February 19<sup>th</sup> and have decided to hold the public hearing on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

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**b. QUESTION OF PURCHASING A VOTING MACHINE** – Chair Letourneau gave the Board a handout from the Secretary of State. Voter Works is the only machine that complies with all of the New Hampshire laws and standards. The machines run \$6,000 to \$7,000 and the current machine that the Town owns will no longer be allowed to run or be certified.

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**III. OLD BUSINESS** –

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**a.** Town Manager Fred Welch reported back to the Board about restarting the Hydro. Mr. Welch has received correspondence that there are Federal funds available to start this project and he will have the Electric Department work on putting in the application. The Board gave their approval for Fred to move forward on this.

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**IV. SELECTMEN'S ITMES** –

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**a.** Chair Letourneau made a statement in hopes to clear up what happened with the November 20<sup>th</sup> minutes. The minutes have not been approved but they are almost finished, but they will be written from the video that is online. Chair Letourneau further made comment that the non-public session was a discussion from our Town Council relating that the Electric Department could expend the \$50,000 but the Town could not, he also stated that no votes on the matter were made at that time.

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**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

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*To enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 c*

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**SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

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**VOTE:** 5-0

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**MOTION PASSED**

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48           *To re-enter the non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 c*  
49           **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello  
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53           **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau  
54           *To seal the minutes of the non-public session*  
55           **SECOND:** Andy Fitch  
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57           **MOTION PASSED**  
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59           **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
60           *To enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 a*  
61           **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello  
62           **VOTE:** 5-0  
63           **MOTION PASSED**  
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65           **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
66           *To seal the minutes of the non-public session*  
67           **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley  
68           **VOTE:** 5-0  
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71           **MOTION:** Robert Letourneau  
72           *To adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm*  
73           **SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley  
74           **VOTE:** 5-0  
75           **MOTION PASSED**