

**TOWN OF ASHLAND**  
**WASTE TO ENERGY COMMITTEE (WTE)**  
**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2024 5:00 PM**  
**UTILITY CONFERENCE ROOM 6 COLLINS STREET**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Alan Cilley called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. In attendance were Alan Cilley, Selectman Charlie Bozzello, Craig Moore, Harry Gallien, Mike Myshrall and Bonnie Bethune. Will Hess was excused; there were no residents in attendance.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** n/a

**III. OLD BUSINESS:**

n/a

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Letters in Laconia Daily Sun -**

Charlie Bozzello opened a conversation about letters for local paper with the goal to put 3 letters in prior to Town Vote on March 12, 2024. Craig Moore/Mike Myshrall agreed that one on the weekend would capture a larger audience.

- 1<sup>st</sup> article to help residents understand why this project is important
- 2<sup>nd</sup> article outlining finances and benefits
- 3<sup>rd</sup> article – please vote Yes on Article 15 (how and what will happen when \$1 vote passes)

Alan Cilley noted that there was a 300-word limit for letters printed in the Laconia Daily Sun.

**Handout in Electric Bill?**

Craig Moore asked if WTE Committee could put at handout in next electric bill; answer from the group was 'no'.

**Mailing option?** Alan Cilley noted that the cost for bulk mailing was \$900 therefore not an option with no budget to work with.

**Handout at Town Vote?** Yes – as long as Committee Members are outside; signs can also

be used for informational purposes.

**Next steps if vote passes:**

- Visit ecomaine waste-to-energy facility in Portland ME
- Seek out grant options – Dept. of Energy, Fiscal Year 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending, Northern Borders, etc.
- Seek out local grant writers to assist
- Continued work on feasibility study

**Next steps if vote does not pass?**

- Request that Selectboard re-appoint WTE Committee
- Continue gathering information/providing education to residents on project

*Upcoming Meetings:*

**Next WTE Committee** – Thursday 3/07/24 at Utility Conference Room  
6 Collins Street at 5:30 pm.

**Town Meeting/Vote:** Tuesday 3/12/24 at Gym 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

**V. ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Alan Cilley proposed to adjourn.

MOTION: Craig Moore made motion to adjourn meeting.

SECOND: Charlie Bozzello seconded.

VOTE: Motion Passed 6-0; meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.