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**TOWN OF ASHLAND  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024  
UTILITY CONFERENCE ROOM  
6 COLLINS ST, ASHLAND NH**

**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.

**MOTION:** Charles Bozzello  
*To approve the minutes of November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as written*

**SECOND:** Ann Barney

**VOTE:** 3-0-2 (Selectmen Fitch & Hartley abstained)

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To approve the minutes of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, as written*

**SECOND:** Ann Barney

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To approve the minutes of February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as written*

**SECOND:** Rebecca Hartley

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. ANNUAL MEETING WITH TOWN HEALTH OFFICER** – Meeting will be delayed until the next Board meeting.

**b. COST TO SECURE ALL TOWN BUILDINGS** – Chair Letourneau discussed with the Board the proposal for securing town buildings. The Board also discussed putting the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the Town Hall on the key card system.

**c. 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION** – The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee announced the Mary Ruell Award will go to Stacie Laauwe, Grand Marshall will be Craig Moore, and the theme for 2024 is Red, White and Boom. Events will take place starting Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> and conclude on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**d. ANNUAL APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT POLICY** – The Board did not make any changes to the current policy.

47 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
48 *To approve the Investment Policy as is*  
49 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello  
50 **VOTE:** 5-0  
51 **MOTION PASSED**

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53 **e. SALE OF REPLACED AIR COMPRESSOR BY FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Vice  
54 Chair Fitch explained that when the original compressor was purchased the Fire  
55 Department and the Fire Association shared the cost of it.

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57 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
58 *To approve the sale of the Fire Department air compressor and the proceeds of which to be*  
59 *split 2 ways. One half of the sale to be returned the Fire Association and the other half to be*  
60 *returned to the Town, with the Town portion being added to the 2025 Warrant so that said*  
61 *funds can be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.*  
62 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello  
63 **VOTE:** 5-0  
64 **MOTION PASSED**

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66 **f. WEST STREET DEVELOPMENT** – There have been many complaints from the  
67 public regarding some alleged construction on the Brandon Hiltz property. The  
68 construction has not been approved by the Planning Board and the plans for any  
69 construction will need to go to the Planning Board. The Planning Board is aware and has  
70 already issued notifications relating to this issue. The Planning Board’s next meeting is  
71 on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

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73 **g. PROPERTY TAXES ON N. ASHLAND ROAD PROPERTY** – The Board discussed  
74 with Town Manager Fred Welch a piece of property on North Ashland Road that has not  
75 been assessed and has not received property taxes. Mr. Welch noted that the Town owns  
76 several properties that he would like the permission from the Board to set up as closed  
77 bids. The Board gave their consensus to move forward with pursuing the sale of properties  
78 the Town owns.

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80 **III. OLD BUSINESS – None**

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82 **IV. SELECTMEN’S ITMES –**

- 83 a. Vice Chair Fitch received a letter from the Building Inspector asking if he may  
84 work on Tuesdays when there is a Monday holiday. The Board gave their  
85 consensus that this would be acceptable.  
86 b. Mr. Welch discussed with the Board that the Town will need to purchase a new  
87 voting machine. Mr. Welch added that he will be putting out bids for a new  
88 assessing firm.

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90 **MOTION:** Rebecca Hartley  
91 *To a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 (a, b, & c)*  
92 **SECOND:** Ann Barney  
93 **VOTE:** 5-0  
94 **MOTION PASSED**

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96           **MOTION:** Charles Bozzello  
97           *To seal the minutes of the non-public session*  
98           **SECOND:** Ann Barney  
99           **VOTE:** 5-0  
100          **MOTION PASSED**  
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102          **MOTION:** Ann Barney  
103          *To adjourn the meeting*  
104          **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello  
105          **VOTE:** 5-0  
106          **MOTION PASSED**  
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