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**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024
UTILITY CONFERENCE ROOM
6 COLLINS STREET, ASHLAND**

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Fitch opened the meeting with Selectmen Ann Barney, Meghan Semiao, Charles Bozzello and Chris Janosa all present.

MOTION: Chris Janosa
To approve the minutes of April 29th, 2024 as written

SECOND: Meghan Semiao

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: Ann Barney
To approve the minutes of May 6th, 2024 as written

SECOND: Charles Bozzello

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION PASSED

II. NEW BUSINESS

III.

a. PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND ORDINANCE 20, RECYCLING AND USE OF RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION ORDINANCE – Town Manager Fred Welch discussed that the Town has received notice from the landfill the Town uses that their rates will be increasing therefore Mr. Welch suggests that the same rate be passed to the users of the Town’s transfer station. There were no comments or questions from the public and the public hearing was closed at 5:32pm.

MOTION: Chris Janosa
To add to section A.3 – “Fees charged under this ordinance will change automatically as disposal fees charged to the Town increase or decrease without further action by the Town so that the fees paid for disposal of materials will not increase the burden imposed on property taxes”

SECOND: Meghan Semiao

VOTE: 5-0

MOTION PASSED

b. PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE REVISED BUILDING DEPARTMENT FORMS – Building Inspector Devon Thibeault presented updates to the building permit applications and created a form for the permit extension process. The public hearing closed at 5:38pm.

47 **MOTION:** Ann Barney
48 *To accept the new building permit forms made by the Building Inspector*

49 **SECOND:** Meghan Semiao

50 **VOTE:** 5-0

51 **MOTION PASSED**

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53 **c. CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS** – Jeff McIver came and spoke
54 with the Board concerning the upcoming broadband project. Mr. McIver
55 spoke about the grant funding that is related to broadband in the county as
56 well as the servicing level that Consolidated currently has in Ashland.
57 Selectman Semiao added that she has spoke with the county regarding the
58 broadband project and identified that current no vendor has been selected for
59 the running of the fiber lines, Mr. McIver said that they would be open to
60 working together should they be chosen during the RFP process. Mr. McIver
61 noted that he would like the opportunity to help the community and would be
62 happy to be a resource during this process.

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64 **d. TOWN HALL EXTERIOR DOOR REPLACEMENT** – There are two doors
65 at the Town Hall that need to be replaced, one is the side entrance to the Town
66 Hall and the other is the interior door to the Police Department. The quote for
67 both doors totals \$11,674 and would come from the Building Capital Reserve
68 Fund.

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70 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

71 *To approve the replacement of the exterior doors for \$11,674, said funds to come*
72 *from the Building Capital Reserve Fund*

73 **SECOND:** Meghan Semiao

74 **VOTE:** 5-0

75 **MOTION PASSED**

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77 **e. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR MULTIPLE FUNDING SOURCES FOR**
78 **LOW INTEREST LOANS – THOMPSON ST & WINONA RD PROJECT -**

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80 **MOTION:** Charles Bozzello

81 *To approve the Town Manager signing the contract for low interest loans/grants*

82 **SECOND:** Meghan Semiao

83 **VOTE:** 5-0

84 **MOTION PASSED**

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86 **f. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR WINONA WATER PROJECT -**

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88 **MOTION:** Charles Bozzello

89 *To approve the signing of the engineering contract for the water project*

90 **SECOND:** Andy Fitch

91 **VOTE:** 5-0

92 **MOTION PASSED**

- 93 **g. JOSEPH JACHEO – MEMORIAL BENCH** – Mr. Jacheo asked for the Boards
94 approval to install a bench at the beach near the bridge. The bench will be in
95 remembrance of his son Jamison who passed away last year.
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97 **MOTION:** Meghan Semiao

98 *To allow the installation of the bench at the beach*

99 **SECOND:** Chris Janosa

100 **VOTE:** 5-0

101 **MOTION PASSED**

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103 **h. BUILDING PERMIT REQUEST FOR CAMPGROUND SITE #18** – Mr.
104 Menard asked for the Board’s permission to install a 14X22 ft deck with a gazebo
105 top.
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107 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch

108 *To approve a 14X22 ft deck with a gazebo top measuring 12X20 for site 18*

109 **SECOND:** Meghan Semiao

110 **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (Selectman Barney abstained)

111 **MOTION PASSED**

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113 **i. NEW PROPERTY TAX PROGRAM** – Town Clerk/Tax Collector Becky
114 Hartley discussed with the Board her research on finding a new tax software.
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116 **MOTION:** Charles Bozzello

117 *To approve the new tax software from MTS*

118 **SECOND:** Meghan Semiao

119 **VOTE:** 5-0

120 **MOTION PASSED**

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122 **j. BUILDING PERMIT REQUEST – CAMPGROUND SITE #2** – Site 2 has
123 requested to place a storage unit on their campsite, a picture of the unit was
124 distributed to the Selectmen. Selectman Barney asked where the unit will be
125 placed on the site, however the location was not noted on the request. The
126 Board decided to table the discussion until the location is specified.
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- 128 **k. POLICE DEPARTMENT DETAILS** – Chief Ulwick asked for the Boards
129 consideration to change the detail rate for when the Officers do details for the
130 Bank of NH Pavilion to a rate of \$85/hour with \$65/hour going to the
131 Officers.
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133 **MOTION:** Chris Janosa

134 *To increase the rate for the Bank of NH Pavilion detail rate to \$85*

135 **SECOND:** Meghan Semiao

136 **VOTE:** 5-0

137 **MOTION PASSED**

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139 **I. APPROVAL OF AMBULANCE AGREEMENT WITH PLYMOUTH –**
140 The agreement with Plymouth would include a \$50,000 retainer, it would
141 cover the hours of 5pm to 8am, for each call that is responded to by Plymouth
142 during those hours, will be billed to the Town on a quarterly basis. Finance
143 Director Marissah Gallien felt that there should be a quarterly meeting to
144 allow for transparency between the two communities relating to the finances
145 of this agreement. The Board decided to table the discussion until the next
146 meeting.

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148 **m. INTENT TO CUT –**

149 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch
150 *To approve the intent to cut for McDonald Road*
151 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello
152 **VOTE:** 5-0
153 **MOTION PASSED**

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156 **IV. OLD BUSINESS – None**

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158 **V. SELECTMENS ITEMS – None**

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160 **MOTION:** Ann Barney
161 *To enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 (a) at 6:55pm*
162 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello
163 **VOTE:** 5-0
164 **MOTION PASSED**

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166 **MOTION:** Chris Janosa
167 *To adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm*
168 **SECOND:** Charles Bozzello
169 **VOTE:** 5-0
170 **MOTION PASSED**

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