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**TOWN OF ASHLAND  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 15TH 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 June 17, 2024, as amended*

**SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

**AMENDMENT:** Line 58 remove “add”, line 25 “Sargent”, Line 57 “Personal”, Line 146 “Passed”

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** Chris Janosa

*To approve the minutes of July 1, 2024, as written*

**SECOND:** Meghan Semiao

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. ASSESSOR’S REVIEW OF ABATEMENT CASES FROM REVALUATION FOR SIGNATURE BY BOS** – The Board reviewed the abatements that were denied and required additional signatures from the Board, and they reviewed the 3 remaining granted abatements.

- b. ACCEPT DONATION OF \$500 FOR PARKS & REC** – The Episcopal Church made a donation to the “Adopt a Camper” fund in the amount of \$500.

**MOTION:** Charles Bozzello

*To accept the \$500 donation from the church for the Parks & Rec department*

**SECOND:** Meghan Semiao

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

**MOTION PASSED**

- c. APPEAL PERIOD OF DES DECISION REGARDING THE ROUTE 3 & 25 BRIDGE WORK – EXPIRES JULY 23, 2024** – Town Manager Fred Welch informed the Board about the approved bridge work and that should the Board have any reasons for an appeal, they would have to file by July 23, 2024.

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**III. OLD BUSINESS –**

- a. Selectman Barney discussed that site #2 in the campground is still looking for an answer on their request for an additional storage container. The Board discussed that the campground needs to have a survey complete before making a decision on site #2’s request. Selectman Barney had a quote for the survey from Tony Randall with an estimated cost of between \$6,500 and \$7,000. The survey will define the individual campsites and provide GIS coordinates.

**MOTION:** Charles Bozzello  
*To approve the proposal from Tony Randall for the survey of the campground sites*  
**SECOND:** Chris Janosa  
**VOTE:** 4-0-1 (Selectman Barney abstained)  
**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
*To not approve any further building permits and suspend all construction by tenants in the campground until such time that the survey is complete.*  
**SECOND:** Charles Bozzello  
**VOTE:** 4-0-1 (Selectman Barney abstained)  
**MOTION PASSED**

**IV. CONTINUING ITEMS –**

- a. Planning Board Appointments

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
*To re-appoint Mardean Badger to the Planning Board*  
**SECOND:** Charles Bozzello  
**VOTE:** 5-0  
**MOTION PASSED**

The Board discussed 2 applications that they received for positions on the Planning Board.

**MOTION:** Charles Bozzello  
*To appoint Tricia Farris as a full voting member to the Planning Board*  
**SECOND:** Andy Fitch  
**VOTE:** 5-0  
**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** Meghan Semiao  
*To appoint Bethany Franz as an alternate to the Planning Board*  
**SECOND:** Ann Barney  
**VOTE:** 5-0  
**MOTION PASSED**

- b. Selectmen Bozzello discussed that he has received some applications for the Economic Development Committee and that he will share those applications with the Board.
- c. Chair Fitch revisited the request from the Electric Department for a new bucket truck lease. Chair Fitch reviewed the rental agreement and was comfortable with it.

**MOTION:** Charles Bozzello

*To enter into a lease to purchase agreement for a new bucket truck for \$4,000 per month.*

**SECOND:** Chris Janosa

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**V. SELECTMENS ITEMS –**

- a. Selectman Janosa provided the Board with a proposal of a summary sheet that the Town Manager would prepare that would provide updates to the Board of the ongoings in town. Town Manager Fred Welch stated that the summary would save a lot of paper as the summary would be sent electronically.
- b. Chair Fitch discussed with the Board the veteran’s monuments and suggested that a committee be created to help maintain the monuments with donated time and funds. Chair Fitch provided photos of the areas that need improvement. It was noted that Chair Fitch will be the Board representative to this committee.

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To create a committee to address veterans park with the purpose of re-designing and restructuring using donated funds.*

**SECOND:** Chris Janosa

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** Chris Janosa

*To enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 (a, & c) at 6:36pm*

**SECOND:** Meghan Semiao

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To seal the minutes of the non-public session*

**SECOND:** Chris Janosa

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

139           **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
140           *To adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm*  
141           **SECOND:** Meghan Semiao  
142           **VOTE:** 5-0  
143           **MOTION PASSED**  
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