

**TOWN OF ASHLAND**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EDC)**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday February 5, 2025**

**Utility Conference Room 6 Collins Street**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Peter Ott called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. In attendance were Selectboard Representative Charlie Bozzello, Peter Ott, Jennie Angell, Bonnie Bethune, Jana Flores-Jon and Benoit Lamontagne. Sean Collins was not in attendance due to illness. Resident Alan Cilley was present.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Charlie Bozzello voted to approve the 1/15/25 meeting minutes with amendments and Jana Flores-Jon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. **PROCEEDINGS:**
- **Meeting Agendas:** Jennie Angell will post on website.
  - **Beach:** Jennie Angell will bring a list of items to discuss at next meeting re: beach.
  - **Public Hearing re: Campground:** Charlie summed up the Selectboard decisions after Town Deliberative Session On 2/01/25 re: Public Hearing on 1/27/25 to discuss campground rules and regulations, pricing for campsites and storage option for campers/boats over winter. Town Attorney wrote letter advising Town to not sign-up campers for the 2025 season until the lawsuits against town are settled. Town Attorney and Selectboard also concerned about the liability of storing campers and boats over winter at the campground. Therefore, assigning campsites is on hold.
  - **Parks & Recreation Budget Concern:** EDC concerned as to where operating budget will come from to pay for Parks & Recreation without funds from the Campground if there is no 2025 camping season.
  - **Campground:** EDC encourages Town to see Campground with a business model view.
  - **New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Assistant Commissioner Adam Crepeau:** Benoit Lamontagne invited Adam to meet with EDC Committee and do a site walk at beach.
  - **Northern Border Regional Commission's Ian Davis:** Ian invited by Benoit Lamontagne invite to tour town to assess grant potential. Alan Cilley invited to attend to provide historical perspective to group.
  - **Development on Leavitt Rd.:** Jan Flores-Jon noted that private housing will continue to be developed on Leavitt Road over next 3 years.
  - **EDC to track/research the following:**
    - 1) **Mill Pond – Proposed Development**

- 2) **Town inventory of properties** - including commercial properties
- 3) **Upcoming Warrant Articles**- EDC request to work on beach improvement proposal for 2026; access road to Mill Pond property; proposed solar project (should Town be concerned about locked in rates for 20 years; is this a good deal for Town? ; could Town do this project and reap financial benefits? What about cloud cover and snow removal from panels? Could land be used with more benefit to Town with another project or own solar project?
- 4) **Additional brainstorming about Ashland Beach** : ice skating potential; working with Snowmobile Club; fund raisers; replace linked fence with boulders; consider 2 boat docks and day dock for kayaks; adaptive water skiing and EDC's interest in communities ideas.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Peter Ott proposed to adjourn meeting. Jennie Angell made a motion to adjourn, and Jana seconded. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

*Upcoming Meetings:*

**EDC Lunch/Site Walk** – February 28, 2025 with Adam Crepeau – 10 am

**Next EDC Meeting** – Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at Utility Conference Room  
6 Collins Street at 5:30 pm.