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**TOWN OF ASHLAND  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025  
UTILITY CONFERENCE ROOM  
6 COLLINS STREET, ASHLAND**

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

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

a. **MEETING WITH ASSESSOR – 2024 MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT DATA** – Cindy Perkins from CNP (Town’s Assessors) met with the Board to discuss the 2024 Municipal Assessment Data Certificate that the Board needs to sign off on. The certificate is from DRA and it looks at assessments of properties and what they actually sold for. The information from DRA shows that the Town is roughly 15% under assessed based on the sales and the assessments from the last revaluation. The Board signed off on the certification at the conclusion of their meeting with Ms. Perkins.

b. **LETTER OF INTENT 2025 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM** – Town Manager Fred Welch shared a form with the Board from the Pemi-Baker Waste District asking if the Town will participate.

**MOTION:** Meghan Semiao  
*To sign the letter of intent to participate in the hazardous waste collection program*

**SECOND:** Chris Janosa

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

c. **GRAVEL TAX** – Town Clerk/Tax Collector Becky Hartley spoke with the Board about a citizen that did not realize they needed to submit the form for mining gravel each year. Mrs. Harley asked for the Board’s signature so that the proper tax bill can be made up for the gravel tax including the prior year(s) tonnage. The Board signed the form.

d. **PROPOSED MOU WITH PLYMOUTH: BUILDING INSPECTOR** – The Town of Plymouth has sent a draft memorandum of understanding for the sharing of the Building Inspector.

**MOTION:** Meghan Semiao  
*To send the MOU for the building inspector to Town Council for review*

**SECOND:** Ann Barney

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

46 e. **APPROVAL LETTER TO NE USEPA** – Mr. Welch shared that he will be  
47 providing and objection to the changes made by EPA that make water testing  
48 more stringent, as the requirements of the testing include materials that are not  
49 currently available for our use. Mr. Welch asked for the Boards consensus which  
50 was given.

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52 f. **CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS SHARES** – Mr. Welch shared that the  
53 Town received communication that the Town holds shares in Charter  
54 Communications. He asked for the Boards approval to send the documents to  
55 Town Council for review.

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57 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
58 *To send the Charter Communications Shares letter to Town Council*

59 **SECOND:** Meghan Semiao

60 **VOTE:** 5-0

61 **MOTION PASSED**

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63 g. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE INVESTMENT POLICY** – No changes were  
64 proposed.

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66 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
67 *To approve the investment policy*

68 **SECOND:** Meghan Semiao

69 **VOTE:** 5-0

70 **MOTION PASSED**

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72 h. **WATER SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGE** – Mr. Welch explained that  
73 the Board previously held a public hearing combined with the new water rates,  
74 and that no vote was made for the development charge.

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76 **MOTION:** Meghan Semiao  
77 *To accept the Water System Development Charge as written*

78 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

79 **VOTE:** 5-0

80 **MOTION PASSED**

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82 i. **GRANT APPLICATION & RECEIVED FUNDS** – The Water & Sewer  
83 Department received a 50/50 grant of \$19,500 which the department's share will  
84 be \$9,750. The Board asked for specifics on the project and asked for Andrew to  
85 send a write up on the project.

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87 **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
88 *To accept the 50/50 grant for \$19,500*

89 **SECOND:** Ann Barney

90 **VOTE:** 5-0

91 **MOTION PASSED**

92           **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
93           *To make Fred Welch the authorized agent on this grant*  
94           **SECOND:** Meghan Semiao  
95           **VOTE:** 5-0  
96           **MOTION PASSED**

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98           j. Mr. Welch shared with the Board that he is reviewing 1 Hill Ave and preparing  
99           the documents to sell the building, and he will report to the Board when he has the  
100           file completed.

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103           **MOTION:** Meghan Semiao  
104           *To enter into a non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3 (c)*  
105           **SECOND:** Chris Janosa  
106           **VOTE:** 5-0  
107           **MOTION PASSED**

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109           **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
110           *To adjourn the meeting at 6:26pm*  
111           **SECOND:** Meghan Semiao  
112           **VOTE:** 5-0  
113           **MOTION PASSED**

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