

Ashland Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Minutes

Call to Order: Peter Ott – Chairperson, called meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Members Present: Peter Ott, Sean Collins, Charles Bozzello, Bonnie Bethune, Jana Flores-Jon and Benoit LaMontagne.

Additional people present were Kendall Hughs, Alan Cilley, and Anthony Adamsky

Old Business

Approval of Minutes from April 2025. Motion by Jennie Angell, Second by Peter Ott, unanimously approved.

Mill Building Update: The following documents on the mill buildings have been assembled for 1 Hill Ave and the boiler plant on Mechanic St. This includes property record cards and deeds, along with a Packard Mill Building Assessment Report, and an Environmental Report that were done on 2019. The major hole in the roof is from a failed drain that will be fixed. Once the drain is fixed, and the building dries out, we can better assess if water is coming through the foundation.

Campground Update: Craig Moore has made significant progress getting the campground ready for the 2025 season. A lot of the old campers are coming back.

Millpond Update: Kendall Hughes provided an update. The current estimate for the property taxes the development will pay annually is \$43,000. This does not include the Habitat for Humanity houses. The increase cost to the town for just the additional school costs is estimated to be over \$500,000. The developer will be paying for the water, sewer, and electrical extensions. They do not want to pay for the sidewalk to Winter St but the Town of Ashland is insisting they must have one. The developer has not purchased the property yet.

Beach Update

Peter Ott has been speaking with Engineering firms for the beach. He is meeting with Kent Brown from Brown Engineering on Tuesday at the beach. All committee members are invited to join him.

Syngas Project

The committee should reach out to the vendor to move to the next phase of assessing this project.

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The Planning Board will be working on the Masterplan. Kendall asked the Economic Development Committee to review the Masterplan with an emphasis on the Economic Development section.

A special meeting was scheduled for April 23, 2025 to discuss a communication plan to get information out on the upcoming vote for the power plant upgrade.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40.