

**TOWN OF ASHLAND  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY MAY 5, 2025  
UTILITY CONFERENCE ROOM  
6 COLLINS STREET, ASHLAND**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Fitch opened the meeting with Selectmen Jennie Angell, Ann Barney and Charles Bozzello present. Meghan Semiao absent with notice.

**Chair Fitch read Meghan Semiao’s resignation letter to the Board. The resignation is effective immediately.**

**MOTION:** Ann Barney

*To approve the minutes of April 21, 2025 as written*

**SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

**VOTE:** 4-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS**

Trustee Chair Loud met with the Board to introduce the new member, Trustee Garcia.

Trustee Chair Loud also informed the Board that they were working with the Town Auditors and the Town Attorneys to get a MS-9 that would be accepted by the State.

**b. PARK AND REC DONATION–**

Park and Rec Director Barney informed the Board that there was a \$2000 donation from St. Marks to the adopt a camper fund.

**MOTION:** Charles Bozzello

*To accept the donation from St. Marks for \$2000 for the adopt the camper fund.*

**SECOND:** Jennie Angell

**VOTE:** 4-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**c. DOG FEES**

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Rebecca Hartley informed the Board that the State is taking \$0.25 more per dog in fees and wanted to see if the Board wanted to increase the fees to match.

Benched for now as Board asked for more information.

d. **TIMBER TAX WARRENT**

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Rebecca Hartley asked for the Board to sign the Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$513.36 for map/lot 212-021.

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To approve the signing of the yield tax warrant.*

**SECOND:** Ann Barney

**VOTE:** 4-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

a. **MILL POND VILLAGE**

LRCSC came to the Board to discuss the warrant article that passed about Industrial Drive. Both parties would like the building of the road and who would be responsible for it to be amicable. Chairman Fitch did say that this was currently being reviewed by legal and would need to wait until a response was had.

LRCSC brought up that they would like to talk to department heads directly. The Board said that it was already setup so that LRCSC would need to contact the Town Manager in order to make meetings with the department heads and that it should continue this way.

LRCSC also wants to do a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board. The Board stated that they would like to make a meeting with the LRCSC, the Planning Board and the BOS to further discuss this.

**IV. SELECTMEN'S ITEMS**

a. **VETERANS TAX CREDIT**

Chairman Fitch says the individual has met all of the requirements to receive the tax credit.

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To approve the property for Veterans Exemptions for \$750 effective immediately.*

**SECOND:** Ann Barney

**VOTE:** 4-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**The Board discussed that there would be an important Town Vote tomorrow to see if the Town will approve to get a bond to replace the substation.**

**The Board also discussed how they would like to fill the open seat on the Board and the consensus was that they would accept resumes.**

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To enter into a non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3*

**SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

**VOTE:** 4-0

**MOTION PASSED 6:45pm**

**Board rescinded the vote to enter into the non-public session and continued the public portion of the meeting.**

**b. OWL'S NEST**

**Geoff Thayer, contractor for Owl's Nest, Building Inspector Newcomb, and the Board discussed the process needed to pave the parking lot which is located on the Town's property on N. Ashland Road, to which Owl's Nest has an easement. Mr. Newcomb and Public Work's Director Moore will work together to review the design plan.**

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To enter into a non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3*

**SECOND:** Charles Bozzello

**VOTE:** 4-0

**MOTION PASSED 7:05pm**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.**