

**TOWN OF ASHLAND  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025  
UTILITY CONFERENCE ROOM  
6 COLLINS STREET, ASHLAND**

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

**MOTION:** Ann Barney

*To approve the minutes of March 17, 2025 as written*

**SECOND:** Meghan Semiao

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**Chair Fitch read a memorial in honor of Tony Randall and held a moment of silence.**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. PUBLIC HEARING – SEWER ORDINANCE –**

The Sewer Ordinance needed updating; the proposed ordinance has been approved by the State.

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To approve the Sewer Ordinance as written*

**SECOND:** Ann Barney

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

- b. WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT – TRUCK PURCHASE –**

Water & Sewer Superintendent Andrew Benton asked for the Boards authorization to purchase a new truck for his department. The truck was a budgeted item, Mr. Benton obtained 4 quotes for the Boards consideration.

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To approve the purchase of the truck for the Water & Sewer Department from Grappone.*

**SECOND:** Ann Barney

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

- c. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – TRUCK PURCHASE –**

DPW Director Craig Moore asked for the Boards approval for the purchase of a new truck. The truck was a budgeted item. Mr. Moore looked at quotes from

Chevy and Ford, he recommends the Chevy. The funds come from the Highway Block Grant and approximately \$6,000 from the budget.

**MOTION:** Charlie Bozzello

*To approve the purchase of the Chevy for the Public Works Department.*

**SECOND:** Andy Fitch

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**d. VOTING MACHINE DISPOSAL –**

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Rebecca Hartley asked for the Boards consideration in the disposal of the old voting machine. The Board gave their consensus to allow Mr. Moore to throw it away.

**e. TIMBER TAX -**

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To approve the signing of the yield tax*

**SECOND:** Ann Barney

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**f. TAX EXEMPTIONS APPLICATIONS –**

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To approve the 3 properties for Veterans Exemptions for \$750*

**SECOND:** Ann Barney

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**The Board discussed that the elderly exemption values need to be reevaluated.**

**g. LIBRARY PAYMENT SCHEDULE –**

Chair Fitch explained that the Town pays the Library a quarterly portion of their appropriations.

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To approve the payment schedule of \$10,461 for quarters April, July and October.*

**SECOND:** Charlie Bozzello

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**h. PURPLE HEART SIGN REQUEST –**

Chair Fitch discussed a letter the Board received from someone that would like to have his great grandfather's name on the purple heart sign in the Town. The family has strong ties to the Town.

**MOTION:** Meghan Semiao

*To add Albert Bennett Evens Jr. to the Purple Heart Sign*

**SECOND:** Ann Barney

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**i. CROSSWALK RESURFACING –**

Town Manager Steve Heath spoke about notification that the Town received from the State. The Town is responsible for keeping the crosswalks maintained and plowed. Mr. Moore explained that the State is redoing part of Route 3, and if agreed to, the Town will need to add a pole and a streetlight by Charlie's building and the Laundry Mat. Mr. Moore also added that they may not pave from curb to curb so it may be torn up which would be something to look into.

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To approve the paving, and authorize Craig Moore to sign the documents after he gets the answer about the paving.*

**SECOND:** Ann Barney

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**j. AMBULANCE CONTRACT –**

Mr. Heath discussed that at the Ambulance quarterly meeting, he would like to find out how Plymouth is doing with the ambulance billing for Ashland calls and where we are at for funds that will be coming back to the Town. Mr. Heath would like to see the annual payment back to the Town changed to quarterly. The Board did not sign the contract at this time until they get more answers.

**k. AGREEMENT WITH PLYMOUTH FOR BUILDING INSPECTOR –**

This item was moved to non-public.

**l. BOARD APPOINTMENTS –**

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To appoint Bethany Franz from an alternate member to a full member of the Planning Board.*

**SECOND:** Charlie Bozzello

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** Andy Fitch

*To appoint John Thomas as an alternate member of the Planning Board*

**SECOND:** Jennie Angell

**VOTE:** 5-0

**MOTION PASSED**

138           **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
139           *To appoint Jennie Angell as the Board of Selectmen Representative to the Budget*  
140           *Committee.*  
141           **SECOND:** Ann Barney  
142           **VOTE:** 4-0-1  
143           **MOTION PASSED**  
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145           **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
146           *To appoint Ann Barney as the Board of Selectmen Alternate Rep to the Budget*  
147           *Committee and Planning Board.*  
148           **SECOND:** Jennie Angell  
149           **VOTE:** 4-0-1  
150           **MOTION PASSED**  
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152           **MOTION:** Andy Fitch  
153           *To enter into a non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3*  
154           **SECOND:** Ann Barney  
155           **VOTE:** 5-0  
156           **MOTION PASSED**  
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