

**TOWN OF ASHLAND
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY APRIL 21, 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.

MOTION: Andy Fitch

To approve the minutes of April 7, 2025 as written

SECOND: Ann Barney

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION PASSED

II. NEW BUSINESS

a. Library Trustees

MOTION: Andy Fitch

To appoint Fran Newton as Alternate Library Trustee

SECOND: Ann Barney

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION PASSED

b. Ashland Elementary School Garden

Town Manager Steve Heath explained that the school would like permission to put in a garden on a piece of land near the school that is owned by the town.

Chair Fitch has asked that questions/concerns be directed to the Town Manager to address.

c. Intent to Excavate Notice-N. Ashland Rd.

To renew excavation permit for Map/Lot 202-075. Chairman Fitch recused himself.

MOTION: Ann Barney

To approve the excavation permit request

SECOND: Charlie Bozzello

VOTE: 3-0-1

MOTION PASSED

d. Signing of MS-232

MOTION: Andy Fitch

To approve signing of MS-232

SECOND: Charlie Bozzello

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION PASSED

e. Amendment to ARPA Grant

MOTION: Andy Fitch

To approve the amendment of ARPA Grant

SECOND: Charlie Bozzello

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION PASSED

f. Campground

a. Survey

Roy Sabourn, who is a retired surveyor, has recommended to the Town Kevin French to finish the project that was started by Tony Randall. Selectmen Barney made a motion to go with Kevin French. Chairman Fitch amended original motion made by Selectmen Barney to get the cost from Kevin French first to finish the project. He wants to make sure that the cost is still going to be the same or under the initial cost quoted by Randall. Selectmen Barney asked that Town Manager Steve Heath be allowed to approve French if his cost comes in the same or under original price. Selectmen Bozzello seconded the amended motion. No vote took place.

b. LP Tanks at Campground Bathhouse

DPW director suggested installing bollards or jersey barrier in front of the tanks. Price quotes are \$558 per bollard and \$443.90 for a 6'x4' jersey barrier. The Town Building Inspector was present and suggested moving the tanks to the "uphill" side of the building.

g. Crosswalk Resurfacing

DPW Director Craig Moore had an update on the crosswalk resurfacing and let the Board know that the state will do curb to curb paving.

h. N. Ashland Rd Property

Moved to non-public

i. Ambulance Contract

Moved to non-public

III. OLD BUSINESS

No old business

IV. SELECTMEN'S ITEMS

a. GMI Paving

MOTION: Andy Fitch

To approve paving of Mill, Elm, Church, Murray and Glove Streets in town. Cost of \$92,000.

SECOND: Charlie Bozzello

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION PASSED

- b. Electric Rate Study-Selectmen Charlie Bozzello said the Economic Development Committee is putting together information for the public and hopes to have it available before the Special Town Meeting.

V. NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3

MOTION: Charlie Bozzello

To enter into non-public session pursuant to 91-A:3 at 6:17pm

SECOND: Andy Fitch

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION PASSED