

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2016  
ASHLAND FIRE STATION  
5:30 PM**

Chairman Newton called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM with a roll call. Steve Felton, Leigh Sharps, Harold Lamos, Kathleen Maher, Fran Newton, present

Others Present: Town Administrator Charles Smith and Pat Crowell

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 12, 2016 – Maher approved as amended. Lamos seconded. All in favor.  
October 17, 2016 – Maher approved as amended. Felton seconded. All in favor.  
October 24, 2016 – Lamos approved as written. Maher seconded. All in favor.  
October 26, 2016 – Felton approved as written. Maher seconded. All in favor.  
October 31, 2016 – Lamos approved as written. Maher seconded. All in favor.  
November 1, 2016 – Sharps approved as written. Felton seconded. All in favor.

The Board signed the Payroll and Accounts Payable Manifests and the items in the signature file.

**Amendment to Recycling Ordinance** – Felton moved to approve as written. Lamos seconded. All in favor. Will need to have Public Hearing. TA Smith will schedule.

**Amendment to Building Regulations** – After some discussion, the Board decided to table it.  
Land Use Application revisions – Driveway permit – Felton moved to approve with revisions. Lamos seconded. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Would like Tim Paquette to participate in the LRPC TAP committee meetings. Paquette said that he would.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Library Trustees – Chairperson Alice Staples wants to attempt and buy the old school building after a price reduction. There has been a significant price reduction. Maher asked if it made sense for the town to use it. There will be further discussion.

**Conservation Commission Appointment** – Lamos moved to appoint Amanda Loud to the Conservation Commission. Sharps seconded. All in favor.

**Heritage Commission appointment** – Maher moved to appoint Kathleen DeWolfe to the Heritage Commission. Lamos seconded. All in favor.

**Water & Sewer** – Eli Badger explained that Eversource would like access to town land. Our lawyer looked at this site access and entry agreement. It would include permanent gates and driveways. After much discussion, the Board wants a different agreement.

**SELECTBOARD ITEMS**

**Flag Etiquette** –Maher moved to approve the new policy as written. Lamos seconded. All in favor. The Board decided that the flag at the Booster Club will be taken down after Veterans Day.

**Sheds on Mechanic Street** – Andrew Lane of Squam River Hydro LLC has offered first right of refusal to the town for buying two sheds on Mechanic Street in the amount of \$100,000. The Board declined the offer.

Selectman Felton informed the Board that the Electric Department wants to re-open negotiations with the Union. The Board decided against reopening negotiations.

Selectman Lamos asked about hoppers at the Transfer Station. Paquette explained how they worked and felt that what they have are adequate.

Selectman Sharps reported back to the Board that the **PRLAC meetings** have been about Eversource and the river. The Planning Board is looking at the signage on Flag Island.

Selectman Felton moved to approve **Leigh Sharps as Ex-Officio to the Planning Board**. Lamos seconded. All in favor. Felton moved to approve **Fran Newton as alternate to the Planning Board**. Sharps seconded. All in favor.

The Board would like a **monthly report from TA Smith**.

Chairman Newton would like to have a **meeting with the Electric Department** to discuss the soil testing results at the electric department building site. The results showed that there are some hazardous components in the soil. Some soil has been taken to other sites. Lee Nichols was not available for this meeting. The meeting will be this Wednesday at 4pm at the Fire Department. Will invite the Commissioners and the Conservation Commission.

Chairman Newton read a letter to the editor written in response to a letter written by the Town Trustees. That letter is attached to these minutes.

At 6:30pm the Chairman explained that there was an error on the agenda saying that the meeting started at 5:30pm. Pemi Baker TV was there at 5:30 pm, but the Chairman asked that he come back at 6:30pm. When he came back, the Chairman recapped what had gone on in the last hour.

### **Hoyle & Tanner-Nobis Engineering Presentation**

Bill Davidson from Hoyle & Tanner distributed plans and the estimate. They are at the 60% design level. Hoyle & Tanner have met with Tim Paquette, Eli Badger, and Rusty Cross. Plastic pipe will be used to replace the water lines to River Street. Sewer pipes, hydrants, water services, and curbs will be replaced. Smith Hill Road will be pitched on both sides. Road design will be matched. Some poles will need to be relocated. When the project is put out to bid it will be unit pricing. There will be a 15% contingency. The estimate is middle of the road, not Cadillac version. They are on track for end of the year and will be ready by the deadline. Smith Hill Road will be first phase. The maintenance permit will be submitted later this week. .

**Sharps moved to go into Non-Public Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3,II (a) at 6:55 PM.** Maher seconded. All in favor 5-0 **Roll Call Vote:** Lamos, yes; Sharps, yes; Felton, yes, Maher, yes, Newton, yes..

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Crowell  
11-09-16