

# Ashland

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## **Ashland Area Economic Development Committee (AAEDC) Meeting: December 4, 2017 Minutes**

### **In attendance:**

Don Tardie: Chair  
Ralph Dwyer: Treasurer  
Cyr Martin  
Kevin Bushey  
Christy Daggett  
Joella Theriault  
Dave Basely  
Joel Hall

Committee Chair Tardie called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. A quick update on future IRAP funds from the state of Maine was provided by Tardie.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Ralph Dwyer reported the committee now has \$40,045.50 in its account. Motion by Kevin Bushey to have Treasurer pay SAD#32 lease fee for the office space. Seconded by Dave Basely. Motion carried. Invoices for new pledges from area businesses will be sent out by treasurer for the industrial park initiative (bucket two). AAEDC's checking account to now go through the Town Office for payments. Payments by approved invoices only. NMDC will need to invoice AAEDC for Joella's services. Also, Joella will manage the draw down for our USDA Rural Development Grant.

### **New Business:**

The AAEDC draft Strategic Plan was presented by J. Theriault. After much discussion and inputs, all members are to review and provide final comments and send to Joella for inclusion in the final draft.

Christy Daggett presented an opportunity for ACAP to assist Ashland in seeking an internship grant from a foundation that would assist high school students in obtaining valuable work experience through paid internships. The committee agreed to have Christy to move forward in preparing a grant request.

The open house, scheduled for December 7, was discussed and sequence of events as presented by Tardie was accepted with no changes. Ribbon cutting will commence around 11 am.

**Other Business:**

Bushey stated there were not enough enrollees to conduct the WorkReady credential course this fall, so work will commence to re-schedule the class through Ashland Adult Education in the Spring semester. A discussion will be done with Bushey, Daggett, and Hall on looking at options to seek state approval for course credit for high school students who take the course.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Bushey  
Recorder

