

Town of Ashland
Regular Town Council Meeting
August 17, 2021

Present: Chairman David Milligan, Janet Jandreau, Sherri Calhoun, Michael Montpetit, Manger Cyr Martin, Carol Cote' (recorder)

Absent: Gerard T. Raymond

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** The Regular Town Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman David Milligan.
- II. **Public Comments:** Several community members were in attendance to discuss the recent revaluation. The discussion included comments from Charlie Tucker, Dana Howes, Kevin Paradis, Don Tardie, Tony Clark, Patrick Driscoll, Kevin Robinson, all expressing their concerns. Manager Martin reported he sympathizes and understands their concerns however it needed to be done indicating the last one was done 20 years ago.
- III. **Consent Items:**
 1. Review, approve and sign minutes from the July 13, 2021 Regular town Council Meeting. A motion was made by Sherri Calhoun, seconded by Janet Jandreau, to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
 2. Review, approve and sign treasurer warrants #108V, #109P, #110V, #111P, #112P, #113P, #114V, #115P, #116V. A motion was made by Sherri Calhoun, seconded by Janet Jandreau, to approve the noted warrants. Motion carried.
- IV. **New Business:**
 1. Whole tree Update with short presentation with Greg Cabral. Greg Cabral and two representatives were in attendance on behalf of Whole tree and gave a brief presentation. Mr. Cabral indicated this grant would be 100% initiative and no monies would need to come from the town hoping to attract private investment. Council were all impressed with the presentation and thanked them for attending and explaining what this initiative would entail.
 2. Review, discuss and sign off on Town of Ashland Municipal Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishment and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs. The council was presented a draft of the ordinance prepared by Manager Martin. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Sherri Calhoun, seconded by Mike Montpetit, to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried.

- V. **Old Business:**
1. **Update on lots for sale on Wrightville Road.** Manager Martin reported all lots have been sold and he is currently waiting on Mr. Hersey.
 2. **Review Workers Comp dividend check.** Manager Martin reported the Town of Ashland has received a \$2,830 dividend check from the Maine Municipal Association because of its good performance and loss prevention program. So noted.
- VI. **Manager's Report:** Manager Martin informed the council an assessor's mistake was made back in 2008 and that an abatement needed to be done. He will report back to the council on additional information at the next meeting.
- VII. **Council Items:** None
- VIII. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Janet Jandreau, seconded by Sherri Calhoun to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Cote'




David M. Milligan, Chairman

Michael Montpetit



Janet Jandreau



Sherri Calhoun

Town of Ashland
Special Town Council Meeting
August 30, 2021

Present: Chairman Dave Milligan, Sheri Calhoun, Tom Raymond, Mike Montpetit.

- I. **Called Meeting to Order:** Meeting called to order at 8:00am By Chairman Milligan.
- II. **Manager Martin gave Mil Rate options from assessors.**

Overlay of.....			
25.5	"	"	\$38,321.18
25.45	"	"	\$34,071
25.4	"	"	\$29,820
25.35	"	"	\$25,570
25.3	"	"	\$21,320
25.25	"	"	\$17,070



Manager Martin said we need some overlay for surplus. Councilor Calhoun suggested mil rate of 25.45 to honor what councilors said about trying to go lower than maximum suggested mil rate.

Councilor Montpetit said if we cut services, such as police department, we would still have to pay for the Sherriff's Department to cover the Area. This would cost the town a lot.

Councilor Calhoun made a motion to set the mil rate at 25.45. Councilor Montpetit Second the motion.
Passed 4-0

Public Voiced some concerns about taxes and town spending. Manager Martin said state mandated that Ashland does a re-val.

New Business: Manager Martin said an individual approached Martin about purchasing an abutting property that is Town owned. Councilor Raymond made a motion to sell it for \$1,000. Councilor Calhoun seconded it. Motion passed.

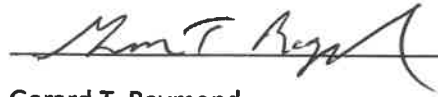
Adjournment: Councilor Calhoun made a motion to adjourn at 8:35am. Councilor Montpetit seconded the motion. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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David M. Milligan, Chairman



Gerard T. Raymond

Michael G. Montpetit



Sherri Calhoun