

**Town of Ashland**  
**Regular Town Council Meeting**

**March 11, 2025**

**Present:** Sherri Calhoun, Christopher Bessey, Gerard Raymond, Gayle Burby and Town Manager Alicia Burby.

**Absent:** Tyler Michaud

- I. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Sherri Calhoun.
  
- II. **Public comments:** None
  
- III. **Consent items:**
  1. Review, approve and sign minutes from February 11, 2025, Regular Town Council Meeting. Chris Bessey motioned to approve the February 11,2025, Regular Town Council Minutes. Gerard Raymond seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.
  2. Review, approve and sign minutes from February 12, 2025, Special Town Council Meeting. Chris Bessey motioned to approve the February 12,2025, Special Town Council Minutes. Gayle Burby seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.
  3. Review, approve and sign treasurer warrants #6V, 6P, 7V, 7P, 8V, 8P, 9V, and 9P. A motion was made by Chris Bessey to approve the noted warrants. Seconded by Gayle Burby. No discussion. Motion carried.
  
- IV. **New Business:**
  1. Presentation by Town Assessor: Assessing and CEO Discussion. Josh Berry from RCS is the new Tax Assessor for the Town of Ashland. He took over the assessing in January. The company operates out of Bangor, and he has 2 full-time employees. Josh might be interested in the Code Enforcement Officer. He said he would be interested in talking to the council if they can't find a CEO.
  2. Town Forester to discuss town stumpage for 2025. James Ryan The Town of Ashland's Forester works with Prentis & Carlyle. He attended the Council meeting to talk about the Town Woodlots and if the town should not cut the woodlots this year. James explained that markets have been poor and the bigger of the wood lots have low wood product. He also said that if the town doesn't cut this year there are still some costs that will occur like Boundary work and road work. James said the town could get through the first quarter then he could come back in April, May or June. Chris Bessey motioned to suspend talks on stumpage for 2025 until the May Council Meeting Gayle Burby seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion Passed.
  3. Approve Tax Anticipated Note Authorization. Chris Bessey Motioned to approve the \$500,000 Tax Anticipation Note for the fiscal Year 2025. Gerard Raymond seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion Passed.

Chris Bessey motioned to move the agenda forward Gerard Raymond seconded No discussion. Motion passed.

V. **Manager's Report:**

1. Town Manager Alicia Burby mentioned that her name needed to be added to the towns bank accounts at Katahdin and Aroostook Savings & Loan. Chris Bessey motioned to add Town Manager Alicia Burby's name to all the town checking, banking accounts and CD's and to remove Councilor Sherri Calhoun from all checking, banking accounts and CD's. Gayle Burby seconded. Motioned carried.

VI. **Council items:**

Gayle Burby asked what was going on with the sidewalk's being cleared by Robie Burby. She asked if it was a contract that they could put a stop payment on. The town has been cleaning the sidewalks. Sherri Calhoun husband has been clearing the sidewalk from the school to family Dollar, so the kids are safe getting back and forth. Town Manager Alicia Burby said she and Tammy Gagnon will look at the contract and email a copy to the Town Council.

Gerard Raymond asked with the elections coming up could "Tom" be added to the ballot because nobody knows him by his legal name. Recording Secretary/ Town Clerk Susan Jimmo explained that only legal names can be on the ballot. Nicknames cannot be used.

VII. **Old Business:**

Chris Bessey Motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues per Maine State Law Title (1M.R.S.A Section 405-6A). Gayle Burby Seconded. Motion Passed. Executive Session started at 7:05 PM

A motion was made by Chris Bessey to end the Executive Session. Gayle Burby seconded. Motion passed. Executive session ended at 8:25 PM.

VIII. **Adjournment:** Chris Bessey motioned to adjourn the meeting; Gerard Raymond seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Jimmo

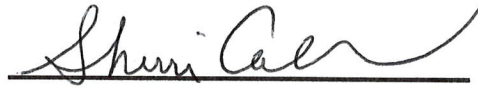
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Tyler Michaud, Chairman

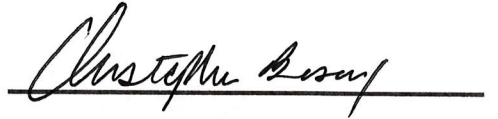
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Gerard Raymond



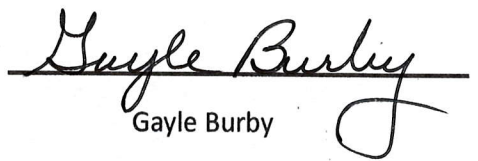
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Sherri Calhoun



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Christopher Bessey



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Gayle Burby