

Town of Ashland
Regular Town Council Meeting
May 6, 2026

Present: Chair Sherri Calhoun, Tyler Michaud, Gerard Raymond, Kevin Robinson and Town Manager Alicia Burby.

Absent: None

- I. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Calhoun.
- II. **Public comments:** No Public Comments
- III. **Consent items:**
 1. Review, approve and sign minutes from April 15, 2026 Regular Town Council Meeting. Kevin Robinson motioned to approve the April 15, 2026, Regular Town Council Minutes. Gerard Raymond seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. Tyler Michaud abstained due to not being in attendance.
 2. Review, approve and sign 2026 treasurer warrants #15V, 15P, 16V, 16P, 17V, 17P, and 18V. A motion was made by Tyler Michaud to approve the noted warrants. Seconded by Kevin Robinson. No discussion. Motion carried.
- IV. **New Business:**
 1. Appoint Councilor to fill vacant position for remainder of 2026 term. Due to James Risner resigning from the Town Council the council is looking to appoint someone to fill his position for the remainder of the year. Based on the people who reached out, Tyler Michaud motioned to appoint Sharon Everett to the Town Council. Gerard Raymond seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
 2. Review and authorize declaration of vehicles as surplus and proceed with auction. The town has a 2015 Police Cruiser and a 2011 School Bus that was transferred to the town from the school. Tyler Michaud Motioned to auction both vehicles through Gregg Auctions in Mapleton with the proceeds of the School Bus going back to the school. Kevin Robinson Seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- V. **Old Business:**
 1. Review and approve Maine Revenue services Certified Ratio Declaration. If the town doesn't raise the valuations for the properties in Ashland, then the taxpayers of Ashland could lose a percentage of their Homestead exemptions. Maine Revenue Service suggests raising the valuations between 10% to 15%. Josh Berry from Municipal Consulting Group of Maine, the company the town uses to perform tax assessing, recommends raising it to 15% with the mill rate staying about the same. Tyler Michaud motioned to accept Josh's proposal to raise the valuations by 15%. Kevin Robinson seconded. All in favor. Motioned carried.

VI. **Manager's Report:**

- 1.** CRP Grant Installation project is just about complete
- 2.** April Financials are not available yet.
- 3.** The town purchased the van for the rec. Rec Director Macie Elwell will be reaching out to the Senior Citizens to plan a day to take them out to lunch.
- 4.** Trainings planned- Tammy Gagnon is going to the Tax Collectors Annual Conference. May 14 Alicia will be attending MMA Personnel Policies Workshop. Alicia, Mike, Macie & Jeff will be attending a MMA Verbal Judo Course.
- 5.** The Gateway Communities & Friends Group would like to put up Banners of veterans on the light poles in town. After talking to Versant, the town found out they would have to sign a 12 month agreement and take 100% responsibility for anything hanging on the poles. Versant has never enforced this but is now starting. The town will need to sign agreements and take responsibility with the American Flags and the Christmas Lights have have been hung for years. Town Manager Burby will reach out to Mapleton & Washburn regarding their Christmas lights and report back to the Town Council with what she finds out.
- 6.** The Town received a Thank You Note from The Ashland Caregivers Association.

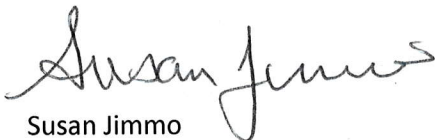
VII. **Council items:**

Gerard Raymond asked if the Town has a Dog Ordinance. Gerard said there are dogs constantly barking and running around loose. Town Manager Burby said she will find out before the next meeting.

Sherri Calhoun is giving a copy of a form she got from the Auditor to every councilor to fill out.

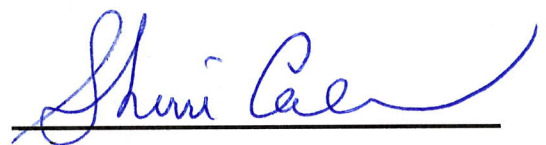
VIII. **Adjournment:** Tyler Michaud motioned to adjourn the meeting, Gerard Raymond seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Jimmo

Recording Secretary



Sherri Calhoun, Chair



Tyler Michaud

Gerard Raymond



Kevin Robinson

