

Town of Ashland
Regular Town Council Meeting

June 03, 2026

Present: Chair Sherri Calhoun, Tyler Michaud, Gerard Raymond, Kevin Robinson, Sharon Everett 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:** Alexis Mares- Mullin- wanted to talk about a Mental Health Crisis. She questions her own value and worth. She wants everyone to uplift each other and to love one another. Monique Montpetit- Concerned about the sidewalks in town. She stated the sidewalks are all torn up and it's hard to walk on them; grass is growing up and needs to be trimmed. Also, the sidewalks need to be cleared in the winter. Melissa Taylor- Melissa and her husband are having a land & fence dispute with their back neighbor. Melissa has reached out to Town Manager Alicia Burby, Police Chief Mike Montpetit and Code enforcement and got answers to her questions. She was told to get a surveyor. She has spoken to a surveyor and got a quote for \$15,000. Melissa asked what a resident can do who can't afford to dispute land markers.
- III. **Consent items:**
 1. Review, approve and sign minutes from May 6, 2026, Regular Town Council Meeting. Tyler Michaud motioned to approve May 6, 2026, Regular Town Council Minutes. Seconded by Kevin Robinson. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.
 2. Review, approve and sign 2026 treasurer warrants #18P, 19V, 19P, 20V, 20P, and 21P, 21V, 22V and 23V. A motion was made by Tyler Michaud to approve the noted warrants. Seconded by Gerard Raymond. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.
- IV. **New Business:**
 1. Review Residents request regarding conditions of properties- The town has received numerous complaints about the condition and upkeep of properties around the community. Multiple residents have expressed concerns that they would like to see the council explore possible ordinance options. Kevin Robinson asked what is the nature of the complaints? Town Manager Burby said it was complaints of multiple boats and old cars in yards, random trash, odor coming from houses as you walk by. Sherri Calhoun asked what the council would do if they don't clean it up? Tyler Michaud said he would like to see something drawn up by the Planning Board. Tyler Michaud made a motion to have the Planning Board come up with an ordinance for unkept properties. Kevin Robinson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
 2. Review Animal Ordinance- The town has received a total of 52 animal – related calls over the past year. The Town enforces State law instead of Town ordinance. The state will prosecute instead of the town with a written complaint. Dogs at large is Title 7 of the State Laws. Barking dogs aren't covered. Tyler Michaud asked Police Chief and Animal Control Officer

Mike Montpetit how many written complaints has the town had for nuisance dogs? Chief Montpetit said there were no written complaints. Chief Montpetit also said they need to encourage people to make a written complaint so they can do something. The Town Council decided to leave the ordinance as it is for now.

3. Review and sign 2026-2027 County Tax Bill – The 2026- 2027 Tax Bill came in \$1,927 over what the town budgeted. The tax bill owed is \$231,927.00. Sharon Everett made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 County Tax Bill. Tyler Michaud seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

V. Old Business:

1. Review the request from Gateway Communities and friends (GCF) – In April the council determined that if the GCF hung banners on utility poles it would be at their discretion; the town did not assume any responsibility or liability for this project. The town's current pole attachments were reported to Versant who is now requiring the town to sign a twelve-month contract with Versant, accepting all liability for the attachments as well as adding Versant as an additional insured to our Insurance Policy for a liability limit of \$2,000,000.00. This means that the town assumes all responsibility for the installation, maintenance and removal of pole attachments and is held liable for any loss that may occur. There will be a \$200.00 a year increase to the policy premium for adding the additional insured. Tyler Michaud asked if GCF could get an outside contractor to hang the banners? Kevin Robinson thinks it's a great idea, but an outside contractor would need to be paid or donate their time. He said the town also needs to make sure everything is where it needs to be per Versant specs. Town Manager Burby said Randy Caron usually hangs and takes down all the flags; moving forward Public Works will coordinate with Randy. Tyler Michaud made a motion to keep the current attachments. Gerard Raymond seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried. Tyler Michaud also motioned to table the request from GCF until the council gets more information. Gerard Raymond seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Manager's Report:

1. We have the April Financials and it's tracking good.
2. The phones got switched over and everything is going well.
3. We will be working on a grant for the Fire Department.
4. Training- Alicia, Macie & Jeff will be attending the MMA Verbal Judo Course next week.

VII. Council items:

Sharon Everett asked what was being done about the potholes. She states the potholes on Goding Road and Watt St are terrible. Town Manager Burby said the Public Works crew is working on patching. Consistent rain has delayed this process. Jeff and Stacy had to dig up the septic line at the rec, that is now complete. Gerard Raymond asked when the culvert that was replaced on Allen Farm Road was going to be filled in. Jeff said Water and Sewer doesn't have a bigger truck, so he and Stacy were going to help them and fill it with cold patch.

VIII. **Executive Meeting:** Executive Meeting to discuss economic development pursuant to Maine State Law Title 1M.R.S.A Section 405-(6)(C) Members of the Ashland Area Economic Development Corp. were here to review possible economic development in our community. Tyler Michaud motioned to go into executive session at 7:18 PM. Kevin Robinson seconded. All were in favor.
Tyler Michaud motioned to come out of Executive Session at 8:17 PM. Kevin Robinson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Tyler motioned that the council write a letter of support for the Ashland Clean Energy Project. Sharon Everett seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

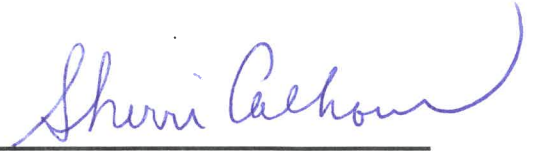
IX. **Adjournment:** Tyler Michaud motioned to adjourn the meeting, Gerard Raymond seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Jimmo

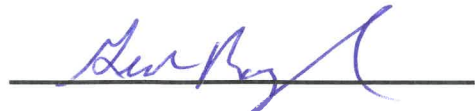
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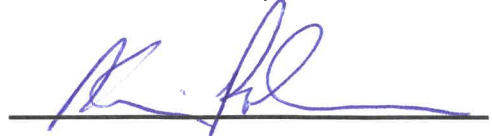
Sherri Calhoun, Chair



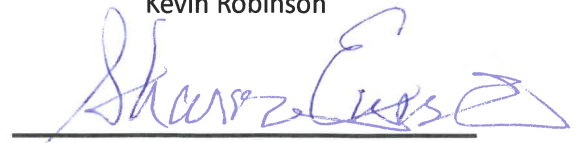
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