

Town of Ashland
Special Town Meeting

June 12, 2024

Present: Chairman Tyler Michaud, Sherri Calhoun, Christopher Bessey, Gerard Raymond, Gayle Burby and Manager Cyr Martin.

Absent: None

- I. **Call meeting to order:** The Special Town meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chairman Michaud.
- II. **Article 1 -Choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.** A motion was made by Sherri Calhoun to nominate Jordan Beaulier as moderator. Christopher Bessey seconded. Then a motion for Nomination to Cease was made by Sherri Calhoun. Seconded by Christopher Bessey. No discussion. Motion passed.
A Motion was made by Tracy Long to vote by secret ballot for the Town Vote. Seconded by Sandy Labelle. Motion Carried.
Manager Martin received an email from Catherine Dufault, Stewardship Specialist for Land & Water Conservation Fund, Bureau of Parks & Land regarding a grant the Town of Ashland received for the trotting park in July 2008. In the email she states the grant recipient (town of Ashland) must maintain ownership (can't sell, assign, transfer, or lease) of the project site and upkeep it for its described use for a minimum of 25 years from the day of completion, until 2033. It must also be maintained for public use. Councilor Sherri Calhoun read the email to the Audience right after the meeting started. Councilor Gerard Raymond stated he spoke to James Gardner, the previous Town Manager who was there when the town got the grant. Mr Gardner stated to him that he thought what NorthStar motorsport wanted to do at the Trotting Park fell in the guidelines with the grant. Tom Raymond also said the town needed to check into the legalities of it all. Chairman Michaud also said even if the vote goes through, we still need to go thru the legalities. Motion was made by Sherri Calhoun to continue on with the vote. Chris Bessey Seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

III: Article 2 To see if the Town of Ashland will allow North Star Motorsports and it's officers to lease the Ashland Trotting Park for a term no less than five years taking over the management including maintenance and cost associated with the park. Plans include expanding camping area and building multiple off-road tracks. With the intention of hiring an employee that will care for the grounds and be there during business hours to manage attendees and monitor admittance to the park.

With a vote of 139 yes votes and 25 no votes Motion Passed.

- III. **Adjournment:** Sherri Calhoun motioned to adjourn the meeting, Hannah Cummings Seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Jimmo

Recording Secretary



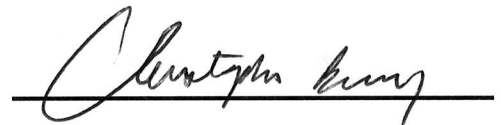
Tyler Michaud, Chairman



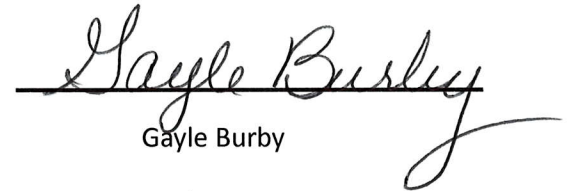
Gerard Raymond



Sherri Calhoun



Christopher Bessey



Gayle Burby