

Town of Ashland
Special Town Council Meeting

July 28, 2025

Present: Chairman Tyler Michaud, Sherri Calhoun, Gayle Burby, James Risner and Town Manager Alicia Burby.

Absent: Christopher Bessey

I. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 A.m. by Chair Michaud.

II. **Public comments:**

Ashland School Teacher Michelle Beaulier asked if she could be on The Library Community Advisory Panel to represent Nashville Plantation. But because she pays taxes in Nashville but is a legal resident of Bar Harbor she cannot be on the panel. Ashland resident Catherine Anne Chase asked how the council was selecting people from the community. She gave the council a Letter of Consideration.

III. **Consent items:**

No Consent Items

IV. **New Business**

1. Review and Appoint members to Library Community Advisory Panel. James Risner motioned to appoint Shara Page from Garfield to the Library Community Advisory Panel. Sherri Calhoun Seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. James Risner motioned to appoint Sandra Bartlett of Portage to the Library Community Advisory Panel. Sherri Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion Passed. James Risner motioned to appoint Miranda Carney of Masardis to the Library Community Advisory Panel. Sherri Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. James Risner motioned to appoint Joan Johnson of Oxbow to the Library Community Advisory Panel. Sherri Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. James Risner motioned to appoint Sarah Bauzenberger of Nashville Plantation to the Library Community Advisory Panel. Sherri Calhoun seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

2. Review and approve or disapprove new subsidy calculation. Town of Portage said they would hold a Special Town Meeting to see if they would honor the offer they made in May. \$8,000.00 for the Library Subsidy and \$ 14,000.00 for the Rec Subsidy with the understanding that Ashland would review a reduced subsidy model for the library & Rec in the 2026 budget year Sherri Calhoun made a motion to accept Portage's May 9th offer for the library and Rec subsidy and look at a reduced subsidy for the 2026 budget year.. James Risner seconded. Motion passed.

V. **Old Business:**

1. Review road repair projects- Jeffrey Jandreau is the new Public Works Director and his first day is 8/11/25. Wrightville Road resident and Councilor James Risner said Wrightville Road can't wait 6 weeks to fix it. There are so many potholes and it's a disgrace to the community. Ashland can't put a hold on all projects until the new Public Works Director starts. The culvert on Sheridan Road can wait until the new director starts. Chair Tyler Michaud agrees that Wrightville Road needs to be addressed but he also thinks the new Public Works Director needs to start and fix

the road once he is there. He also said some gravel needs to be brought in. James Risner agreed with Chair Michaud to wait to fix Wrightville Road until the new director started.

VI. **Manager's Report:**

1. Appoint Frank Frost to the Planning Board. Sherri Calhoun made a motion to appoint Frank Frost to the Planning Board. James Risner seconded. Motion passed.

VII. **Council items:**

Chair Tyler Michaud doesn't understand why the Ashland Police went on a call to Nashville for an accident and a call to Masardis for a stranded motorist. Ashland Police doesn't patrol in either place, so he wasn't sure why they went.

VIII. **Public comments:**

No Public Comments

IX. **New Business**


James Risner motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss personal issue per Maine State Law Title(1M.R.S.A. Section 405-6A). Sherri Calhoun seconded. Executive session started at 8:00 AM.


Sherri Calhoun motioned to end the Executive Session. Gayle Burby seconded. Executive Session ended at 8:08 AM.

1. Sherri Calhoun motioned to appoint Kevin Bushey & Anne Chase both of Ashland to the Library Community Advisory Panel. James Risner seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
2. **Adjournment:** Sherri Calhoun motioned to adjourn the meeting; James Risner seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Jimmo
Recording Secretary


Tyler Michaud, Chairman


James Risner

Sherri Calhoun

Christopher Bessey

Gayle Burby

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