

**Town of Ashland**  
**Special Town Council Meeting**  
**October 8, 2025**

**Present:** Chairman Tyler Michaud, Sherri Calhoun, Christopher Bessey, Tammy Donovan

**Absent:** Town Manager, Alicia Burby; James Risner

I. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Michaud.

II. **Public Comments:**

1. Vickie Belanger asked the Council what could be done with the old Jenkins house on the corner of Exchange Street and Cottage Hill Rd. She wanted to know if the town owns it. "It's an eye sore."

III. **New Business:**

1. Chairman Michaud stated that Council member Burby resigned, and her position needs to be filled. Discussed at last meeting about going with who was on the past ballot. Chairman Michaud suggested that we appoint Gerard "Tom" Raymond to finish the year.

A motion was made by Council Calhoun, seconded by Council Bessey, to appoint Gerard "Tom" Raymond to the vacant seat. Motion carried.

IV: **Old Business:**

**Review draft of Wind Energy Ordinance:**

1. Council discussed the option of whether to ban or allow large scale industrial wind turbines. The consensus of the Council and the Planning Board is they would rather not have industrial turbines.
2. Discussed about prior talks of having wind turbines in the industrial park also in random fields.
3. Council Calhoun asked about small scale, residential wind turbines for personal use. Discussion followed about just making the ordinance against industrial wind turbines.

4. Josh Berry, Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), discussed with the Council that they would have to speak with the town attorney to see if it could be prohibited if that is what the town wants.
5. Council Calhoun suggested that the Planning Board come back with one suggestion to be presented to the Council.

**Review of Food Sovereignty Ordinance:**

1. CEO Berry said that the attorney has not looked at this ordinance yet.
2. Chair Michaud presented concerns for Council Risner, in his absence. His concern was that the ordinance should only address and focus on food sovereignty to meet state requirements. The council agreed.

**Adjournment:**

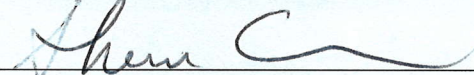
A motion was made by Sherri Calhoun, seconded by Christopher Bessey, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

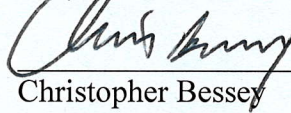
Tammy Donovan  
Substitute Recording Secretary



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Tyler Michaud, Chairman



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