

**MINUTES FOR
ASHLAND PLANNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
February 7, 2024
ASHLAND MUNICIPAL BUILDING
4:00 P.M.**

Members present: Chairwoman Billie Theriault, Sammi Jimmo LaBelle, James Risner, and George Baker.

Also Present: David Milligan CEO.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm

II. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

1. None

III. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Review, approve and sign minutes from January 17, 2024 Planning Board Special Meeting. A motion was made by Billie Theriault to approve the minutes; James Risner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Planning Board held a work session to develop to continue working on an ordinance that shall govern the approval, development, siting, operation, and decommissioning of solar energy farms. The Board made significant progress in previous meetings and Chair Woman Billie Theriault presented a draft that was the accumulation of this work. The Board reviewed it and made several minor changes to the following; D.10, D.5, D.7, and B-7. Sammi Jimmo LaBelle made a motion to move forward with the amended draft with the recommendation that the Town Council approve with the above minor changes. George Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. (Copy of final draft attached to these minutes.)

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board reviewed a draft submitted by NMDC's Senior Planner, Jay Kamm that suggested changes that need to be made in Ashland's Land Use and possibly Shoreland Ordinances that would put the Town of Ashland in compliance with new State Law LD 2003. James Risner made a motion that the draft be approved by the Planning Board and recommended approval of the Town Council with the following changes; In the Section Language, Under Accessory Dwelling Units, B. Size, The last sentence will read, "An accessory dwelling unit can be no greater than 75% of the principal structure." And Under Definitions 1. The same change to the last sentence. Sammi Jimmo LaBelle seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. (Copy of this draft attached to these minutes.)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

1. Sammi Jimmo LaBelle made a motion to adjourn at 4:55 pm; James Risner seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Billie Theriault Billie J. Theriault

George Baker George A. Baker

Sammi Jimmo LaBelle Sammi Jimmo LaBelle

Mark Rafford Sr. Mark Rafford Sr.

James Risner _____