



# Town of Ashland

## MASSACHUSETTS

### SELECT BOARD

### AGENDA

August 24, 2022 – 7:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87203879671?pwd=amVlK2oyQjErRm9nd1Rad0NGN3dldz09>

***Vision Statement*** - *The Town of Ashland will be a prosperous and fiscally sound community with a full range of housing, business, cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities in a safe, inclusive, and attractive environment for residents and visitors. We will embrace all differences and ensure that all persons have the opportunity to enjoy, contribute and be part of the Ashland community.*

***Mission Statement*** - *The Ashland Select Board is dedicated to promoting responsible fiscal management, advocating for sustainable development & growth and providing excellent municipal services which will enhance the quality of life in our diverse community. The Ashland Select Board is committed to providing clear goals and objectives for Town management and creating effective engagement and public participation with residents, state legislators and other elected officials in order to achieve our mission.*

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

**2. Citizen's Participation**

**3. Scheduled Appointments (20 minutes)**

- a. 7:15 pm – Rick Schifone and Shaunna Kyle- Eversource Hearing – To review the request for:
  - i. Cherry Street – Installation of (1) pole #23/1A – (In the area of 6 Cherry Street)
  - ii. Homer Avenue – Installation of (1) pole #22/3A with guy wire and anchor – (In the area of 5 Homer Avenue)
  - iii. Main Street - Installation of (3) poles #26/18A, #26/18B and #26/16A with guy wire and anchor - (In the area of 205 Main Street to 251 Main Street)
  - iv. Myrtle Street – Installation of (3) poles #29/2, #29/2A and #29/2B – (In the area of intersection of Myrtle Street at Main Street)
  - v. Summer Street – Installation of (1) pole #40/2A and guy wires and anchor at pole #40/2 – (In the area 22 Summer Street and 205 Main Street)

**4. Old/New Business (60 minutes)**

- a. Open the Special Town Meeting Warrant and review guidance
- b. Review and Approve the Election Day reform law titled “The VOTES Act” – The Select Board is required to vote allow for several of the temporary changes to become permanent. Items include vote by mail and early in-person voting in addition to the assignment of police officers/constable at polling places.
- c. Vote to sign and post the Warrant for the 2022 State Primary
- d. Discuss the Metro West Regional Collaborative seat on the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- e. Review the request from the Ashland Lions to consider recognizing Robert Gonfrade Barbara Thoresen by naming rooms at the Public Safety after them.
- f. Review and Vote on Reappointment for terms expiring on August 31, 2022. Which include the following:
  - i. Affordable Housing Trust – Steve Greenberg, Joe Magnani, Barbara Sekesgundu



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- ii. Board of Registrar – Jon Fetherston
  - iii. Cable Advisory Board – John Thomas
  - iv. Community Preservation Committee – Gretchen Bravacos and Donna Saul
  - v. Conservation Commission – Carl Hakansson and Catherine Van Lancker
  - vi. Council on Aging – Alexis Christopher, Pat McHale and Lisa Uglialoro
  - vii. Historical Commission – Elizabeth Childress and Karen Coleman
  - viii. Open Space and Recreation – William Child
  - ix. Stormwater Committee – Edward “Ned Breed and Preethi Sreeraj
  - x. Sustainability Committee – Margy Gassell and Matthew Marshquist
  - xi. Town Forest Committee – Rob St. Germain Cara Hulme, Michael Morrissey and Catherine Rooney
  - xii. Trimount Aggregate Oversight Committee – Gene Crouch, Don Jones, John McPartland and Rajit Gupta
  - xiii. Zoning Board of Appeals – Anton Tikhomirov, John Trefethen and Associate member Stuart Siegel
- g. Discuss Adding the following terms limits to the Upper Charles Trail Committee
- i. Judy Rosenthal, Valerie Paul and Rob Scherer term that expire on August 31, 2023.
  - ii. Doug Costello, Tony Lewis and Marty Ring term would expire August 31, 2024.
  - iii. Joel Arbeitman, Preston Crow and David Rosenblum term would expire August 8/31/2025.
  - iv. Each reappointment would be for a 3-year term if the committee wishes to seek re-appointment.

### 5. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Accept the Regular Session Minutes from June 15, 2022, July 13, 2022 and August 3, 2022.
- b. Appoint Donna Bresnick to the Ashland Cultural Council for her 2<sup>nd</sup> term which would expire on September 19, 2022.
- c. Approve the request from Kyle Spenser to hold a “End of Summer Bock Party” on Sunday September 25, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Warren Road between Main Street and Chestnut Street.

### 6. **Priority Project Update (Downtown, Public Safety Building, Mindess School, Valentine Project, Warren District) (20 minutes)**

### 7. **Town Manager Report (10 minutes)**

- a. Discuss the Climate Action Survey

### 8. **Board Reports (15 minutes)**

### 9. **Adjournment**

This agenda is subject to change and includes those items reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all agenda items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.