

Town of Ashford

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MEETING NOTICE

SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022, 11:00 A.M.

To be held virtually

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MINUTES

1. Call to order at 11:03 a.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith
Guests: Sherri Mutch
3. Hear from the public: No members of the public wishing to be heard at this time
4. First Selectman's Briefing
5. Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the minutes of regular meeting of 6/20/2022. Falletti seconded the motion which passed. Phillips abstained as he was excused from that meeting.
6. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees, Departments
7. Old Business
 - A. Discuss reopening strategies – Town facilities – update relating to the holding of board and commission meetings. Over the next few weeks we will refamiliarize ourselves with hybrid meeting equipment and procedures with a view to doing a test meeting toward the end of the month.
 - B. Ashford Advisory School Building Committee – status report. Falletti reported that interested parties are regrouping and will be meeting to discuss next steps in forwarding the oil tank and school roof projects.
 - C. COVID update: Falletti continues to forward Eastern Highlands Health District weekly reports
8. New Business
 - A. Discussion regarding Ashford Citizen: Members of the BOS and Sherri Mutch briefly discussed reviewing policies and advertising rates currently in place.
 - B. Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the resignation of Michael Gardner as Ashford's Emergency Management Director effective June 30, 2022. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith thanked Mr. Gardner for his years of service and welcomed the fact that he has consented to remain as a consultant to the new EMD.
 - C. Falletti announced the appointment of Thomas Borgman to the position of Ashford Emergency Management Director effective July 1, 2022. The BOS expressed their thanks to Mr. Borgman for stepping into this very important position. DEMHS has been advised of the change in the EMD appointment.
 - D. Act on acceptance of Savage Systems proposal to provide IT services in a combined contract between the Town of Ashford and Ashford School. Silver-Smith moved disapproval of the 2022-2027 Savage Systems contract as proposed. Phillips seconded the motion. The BOS discussed various options to be discussed with Savage Systems: a Town stand-alone contract, a two-year contract (2022-2024) versus a five-year contract (2022-2027). Voting yes on the motion were Silver-Smith and Phillips. Falletti voted no. This item will be carried on the next BOS agenda.

- E. Silver-Smith moved acceptance of Tyche contract for provision of Planning & Zoning services for fiscal year 2022-2023 as submitted. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- F. Board/Commission/Committee appointments
 - Inland Wetlands and Watercourses: Silver-Smith moved to ratify “At Will” agreement between the Town of Ashford and Bruce Fitzback relating to the appointment of an Inland Wetlands Agent as recommended by the Ashford Inland Wetlands Commission at their meeting of 6/7/2022. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Commission on Aging: Silver-Smith moved reappointment of Jean McCarthy to a term to expire on 6/30/2024. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Commission on Aging: Phillips moved the reappointment of Carole McCarthy to a term to expire on 6/30/2024. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Commission on Aging: Fill vacant seat created by the resignation of Elaine Wilmes-Pandolfo. The term associated with Ms. Wilmes-Pandolfo’s seat expires 6/30/2023.
- G. Tax Refunds: none
- H. Remarks for the good of the Board
- I. Items for next BOS meeting

9. Adjournment at 11:24 a.m.

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