

Town of Ashford

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MEETING NOTICE

REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

To be held virtually

To join the meeting, please use the information provided on page 2 of this agenda

MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith
3. Hear from the public: No members of the public attending
4. First Selectman's Briefing
 - The Selectmen's Office received a letter of resignation from Ashford Assessor, Kara Fishman, effective 9/30/2022. We wish Kara success in her latest incarnation
 - Department of Public Works has completed paving of Chatey Road
 - Department of Public Works has completed final reconstruction of bridge on Chatey Road
 - Kit has returned to work at the Senior Center
 - Falletti advised the BOS that Carol Ann McMaster no longer serves her position at the Babcock Library
5. Phillips moved acceptance of the minutes of the special meeting of 8/15/2022. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Phillips moved acceptance of the regular meeting of 8/15/2022 reflecting removal of the note regarding incorrect posting of ZOOM link at the 8/15/2022, 6:30 p.m. Special Meeting. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
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
 - The 9/8/2022 joint Ashford/Willington Special Selectmen's Meeting and public hearing related to possible uses of the Cadlerock property will be held in person, hybrid and virtually
 - Electronics currently housed in the lower level meeting room of the TOB and in the auditorium in Knowlton Hall will be evaluated by Savage Systems and Tyche
 - TOB restroom signage will remain as is
 - B. Ashford Advisory School Building Committee – Ashford School Acting Superintendent Cindy Ford is working diligently on the oil tank replacement project. Following a favorable tank integrity test result on the existing tank, our insurance carrier has agreed to extend insurance coverage until the tank replacement process is complete. She has been advised that a replacement tank will not be available until some time next year.
 - C. COVID update: Information provided by EHHD continues to be circulated
 - D. Update on after school childcare program as proposed by the Recreation Commission: CIRMA reports this proposed program would not result in an increase in liability coverage but consideration must be given to worker's compensation coverage.

- E. Street lighting: Falletti reported that he has been informed that installation of additional lighting at the Upton Road/Nott Highway and the Old Town Road/Ference Road intersections in being scheduled.
- F. American Rescue Plan:
- Potentials for project funding: Falletti encouraged members of the BOS to start thinking about items to be addressed during the next phase of ARPA proposed expenditures. He mentioned redesign of the Cumberland Farms/Route 44 crosswalk and roadbed light installation, in consultation with the EDC and Ashford Business Association, investigation into Ashford small businesses loss of revenue due to COVID, redesign of Knowlton Hall doors.
 - We anticipate receiving an updated broadband contract from Spectrum which contains a dramatically lower price tag resulting from increased Spectrum incentives. We have requested that installation of the broadband system be completed before winter sets in.
 - The quote received from Nutmeg Mechanical for installation of mini-splits in Knowlton Hall has been negotiated down to fall within the town meeting approved cost.
 - Chief Varga reported that Stafford Mechanical is holding their price for installation of mini-splits at Station 20.
 - Silver-Smith moved waiver of permit fees relating to town projects utilizing ARPA funding approved by town meeting. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- G. Tremko House Review Committee: Mr. Hurd has again made contact regarding preparation of a phasing plan for the Tremko House. It was noted that \$1,000 of his contract fee has already been paid. Town Counsel will be copied on all correspondence relating to Mr. Hurd's performance.
- H. Review petty cash policy adopted by BOS on December 5, 2016: The BOS briefly discussed the petty cash policy currently in place and requested time to consider any revisions. The Senior Center Director will be asked to address, in writing, the issues she faces by not having direct access to petty cash.
- I. Revisit employee insurance incentive program: Town Counsel will be consulted on possible reduction of health insurance incentive cash payout.
8. New Business
- A. Board/Commission/Committee appointments
- Recreation Commission: Fill vacant seat created by the resignation of Sandra Moquin. The term associated with Ms. Moquin's seat expires 4/1/2026. Alternate member seat – term to expire 4/1/2022.
 - Economic Development Commission:
 - Appointment to fill vacant seat created by the death of Gary Lawrence – term to expire February 2025.
 - Appointment to fill vacant seat created by the resignation of Richard Williams – term to expire February 2025.
 - 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.
- B. Tax Refunds: Silver-Smith moved approval of a tax refund to Eastern Connecticut State University Foundation Inc in the amount of \$9,533.34 citing CGS 12-129. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- C. Silver-Smith moved approval of AVFD tax abatement submission for the October 1, 2022 Grand List as presented. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- D. Silver-Smith moved approval of an adjustment of an individual AVFD tax abatement award for the October 1, 2021 Grand List. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

E. Remarks for the good

- It was noted that the “Your Speed” sign on North Road is not functioning. The Transportation Institute has been informed and will connect with Ashford Public Works to rectify the problem.
- The BOS discussed the holding of a joint Special BOS meeting with Willington representatives to discuss feedback received at the 9/8/2022 Cadlerock public hearing as it relates to the Brownfield application due 9/23/2022. Counsel Catino will be asked to attend this special meeting.

F. Items for next BOS meeting

9. Adjournment at 7:59 p.m.

Ashford Board of Selectmen’s Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2022 7:00 p.m.

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