

Town of Ashford

Established 1714

**REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.
ROOM 305, TOB
To be held via ZOOM
MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith
Guests: David Roston, Deb Lee, George Lee, Mike Panek, Sherry York
3. Hear from the public:
 - George Lee addressed the BOS regarding implementation of Section 33 of Public Act 22-34 (Veran's exemption on real estate). Falletti reported that the Assessor is researching this newly adopted Public Act and will advise the BOS of the procedures to follow to implement the exemption.
 - Mike Panek of 18/20 View Point Drive in the Lake Chaffee area, addressed the BOS regarding his dissatisfaction with actions of the Planning and Zoning Commission and their Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Town's Building Official related to the issuance and enforcement of building permits. Documentation sent to the PZC for their consideration will be forwarded to the BOS for review and will be discussed at the next BOS agenda.
4. First Selectman's briefing
 - A. The Barlow Mill Road bridge restoration project has been completed and the road has been opened. Jersey barriers are being used until guide rails can be installed in the spring. Thanks for a good job to Ashford DPW, Eastford DPW, Regional Engineer, Syl Pawley.
 - B. The November 12th Veteran's appreciation ceremony was well attended
 - C. Christmas tree lighting at KMH will be held on Sunday, December 4th at Knowlton Hall. As usual, the Babcock Band will provide music, and the Recreation Commission will provide soup and coffee.
 - D. Meeting with Melissa McDonough regarding the ongoing need for fuel assistance funding.
 - E. AFSCME has no issue with the hiring of temporary help in the Land Use Office. The temporary position begins tomorrow at a payrate of \$19/hr, offers no benefits and is capped at 120 days of employment.
 - F. Falletti announced that Public Works Supervisor, Joe Kalinowski has announced his retirement effective July of 2023. Job description samples are being collected and will be reviewed.
5. Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the minutes of 11/7/2022. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
6. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
7. Old Business
 - A. Ashford Advisory School Building Committee: Friar Associates has provided updated pricing for the Ashford School Roof Project - \$4,634,633. With the belief that soft costs are not included in this figure we should consider a bond figure in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000. Counsel will be consulted.
 - B. Status of after school childcare program as proposed by the Recreation Commission: Roston presented the latest proposal relating to the proposed after school childcare program. The document included anticipated costs, program administration, development of operational rules and regulations, program scheduling, prospective employee vetting process, pay schedule,

development of medical training and protocols position responsibilities, relationship of program with Ashford School. Falletti will schedule a meeting with school officials, members of the BOS, Recreation Commission personnel and possibly an interested parent to discuss implementation of the after school childcare program.

C. Street lighting: still on the radar.

D. American Rescue Plan: Silver-Smith and Phillips seconded a motion to schedule a Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting to present and approve ARPA funding requests including: EDC Local Business Relief Fund - \$50,000; AVFD CLMRM radio purchase - \$45,000; AVFD request funding for replacement service truck - \$50,000; Route 44 Crosswalk - \$20,000. Falletti seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved addition to the funding requests of an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for the purchase of a laptop computer and OWL to facilitate hybrid meetings. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

E. Update on preparation of Tremko House phasing plan: The BOS briefly discussed a four-step phasing plan and associated costs (\$337,900) received from Architect, Robert Hurd. Availability of grants will be researched. Silver-Smith raised the questions of plans for the Ashford Academy.

8. New Business

A. Consideration of 2023 BOS meeting calendar: Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the 2023 BOS meeting calendar as adjusted. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. A copy of the calendar is attached to these minutes and will be filed with the Town Clerk.

B. Eversource tree trimming – public safety and power outage concerns: It is understood that as Eversource’s contracts, Asplundh is responsible for tree trimming that directly impacts Eversource’s electric wires. While the state is responsible for tree trimming on state roads (problem areas that are clear of Eversource’s wires), the Town does what it can on local roads. In the past, Mansfield Tree Service has assisted the town with emergency and non-emergency tree removal. The Public Works Supervisor will contact Mansfield Tree Service regarding removal of downed and standing trees on Varga road that have become a safety concern. Eversource has been advised of numerous power outages on Horse Hill Road. Falletti reported that the entire length of Horse Hill and James Roads is on Asplundh’s tree trimming map for this season.

C. Campert Lane road maintenance: A letter from Regional Engineer, Syl Pawley to IWWC Chairman, Len Liguore regarding a site walk on Campert Lane conducted with IWWC Agent, Bruce Fitzback and Ashford Public Works Supervisor, Joe Kalinowski on September 15, 2022 included maintenance recommendations. Improvements will be considered for spring of 2023. Silver-Smith requested copy of the report generated as a result of the site walk.

D. Review 2022 STEAP/Southworth Drive project funding procedure as recommended by Ashford’s auditors: The BOS discussed funding recommendation received from the Towns’ auditor. The BOS was unable to reach a consensus so no action regarding a funding recommendation to the BOF was taken.

E. Ashford School oil tank replacement project bids: Discussion and possible action on tank purchase. No pricing for oil tanks has been received as yet.

F. Board/Committee/Commission appointments

- Recreation Commission – 1 Regular Member seat which expires 4/01/2026
- Conservation Commission – Alternate vacancy term of which expires 11/21/2023
- Economic Development Commission – two vacancies which expire 2/02/2025
- Commission on Aging – vacancy term of which expires 6/30/2023
- Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission: 1 vacant Regular Member seat Lipstreu) which expires 6/01/2025; 2 vacant Alternate Member seats which expire 6/01/2023
- Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 Alternate Member seat which expires 11/05/2025

G. Phillips moved three tax refunds presented by the Tax Collector. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. A spread sheet detailing the refunds is attached to these minutes.

H. Remarks for the good

I. Items for next BOS meeting

- Lake Chaffee resident complaint

9. Adjournment. At 8:56 p.m.

Ashford Board of Selectmen – Regular Meeting
Monday, November 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89016359261>

Meeting ID: 890 1635 9261

Dial by your location

+1 305 224 1968 US

+1 309 205 3325 US

Meeting ID: 890 1635 9261

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kuOzH950r>

TOWN OF ASHFORD

Office of the Selectmen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN 2023 MEETING CALENDAR

All meetings are held in the Town Office Building
Meetings may be held in person, virtually or hybrid with instructions for logging in noted on the agenda

Monday, January 2, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 31, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, February 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, March 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, March 20, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, May 1, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, May 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 30, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, June 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, June 19, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, July 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, July 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Monday, August 7, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, August 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 29, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, September 18, 2023, 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, October 2, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, October 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 31, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, November 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 16, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, November 20, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, December 4, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, December 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 27, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Monday, February 5, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Condition(s) : Bill Dist/Susp/Bank Address	Name Address	Int Date: 11/21/2022	Date: 11/21/2022	Page: 1	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info. UniqueID/Reason	Paid Date	Tax	Int	L/F	Total Adjusted	Overpaid Tax
2020-03-0051538	GIDMAN MATTHEW D 11 CLOVER CT AVON CT 06001				2015/ [REDACTED] /1C4RJFEM0FC748696 51538	1/12/2022	386.42 579.36	0.00 60.83	0.00 0.00	386.42 640.19	-192.94
2020-03-0054221	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST 3200 W RAY RD CHANDLER AZ 85226-2455				Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments. 2018 [REDACTED] /JTMDFREV7JJ219185 54221	7/27/2021	474.72 711.74	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	474.72 711.74	-237.02
2021-03-0050471	BORYSEVICZ PETER J PO BOX 199 ASHFORD CT 06278-0199				Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments. 2014 [REDACTED] /IN4AL3AP8EC151978 50471	7/25/2022	19.68 237.15	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	19.68 237.15	-217.47
TOTAL	3				Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.		880.82 1,528.25	0.00 60.83	0.00 0.00	880.82 1,589.08	-647.43