

Town of Ashford

Established 1714

**SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM, TOB
To be held via ZOOM
MINUTES**

1. Call to order at 7:31 p.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith
Guests: Paul Varga, Judith Austin, Cindy Ford, Luther Brauch, Hugh McKenzie, Art Talmadge, Marian Matthews, Jeffrey Silver-Smith
3. Hear from the public
 - Hugh McKenzie requested information relating to outdoor wood furnace regulations. Jeffrey Silver-Smith, Chairman of the Ashford PZC referred Mr. McKenzie to the Zoning Enforcement Officer
4. First Selectman's briefing
 - Barlow Mill Road bridge: IWWC approved the emergency bridge replacement project. Falletti reported that expenses incurred in the reconstruction of the bridge will be split with the Town of Eastford.
 - TOB lighting upgrades have been completed
 - Regarding citizen proposal to enact a noise ordinance, no action will be taken until a petition is received
 - Veteran's Day Service, Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial. In case of rain, ceremony will be moved to the Senior Center.
 - 7/1/2023-6/30/2026 AEA contract finalized with an 11.54% increase over three years
5. Acceptance of the minutes of the following meetings: 10/11/2022, 10/21/2022, 10/17/2022
 - Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the minutes of 10/11/2022. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously
 - Phillips moved acceptance of the minutes of 10/21/2022. Falletti seconded the motion which passed. Silver-Smith abstained as she was not present at this meeting.
 - Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the minutes of 10/17/2022. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
6. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
7. Old Business
 - A. Establishment of Fair Rent Commission: Counsel has been consulted regarding the establishment of a Fair Rent Commission. Regarding on-going issues at apartment complexes, the BOS discussed recent health and safety issues and involvement of EHHD and Ashford's building official.
 - B. Town facilities – reopening strategies
 - C. Ashford Advisory School Building Committee: report of meeting held with counsel regarding bonding procedures: Falletti reported on a TEAMS meeting held to receive information from Bond Counsel, Judith Blank (Pullman & Comley) of procedures and next steps in the bonding process. Attending the meeting were Falletti, Cindy Ford, Jen Truax, Jim Rupert, Judi Austin

- D. COVID update: Will continue to forward EHHD updates
 - E. Status of after school childcare program as proposed by the Recreation Commission: Falletti reported that he has had no contact from either Sherry York or Dave Roston. The BOS again discussed their request for a fully documented proposal and staffing.
 - F. Street lighting
 - G. American Rescue Plan: Review of EDC proposed "Ashford Local Business Relief Fund Program." The BOS discussed the EDC proposal and its implementation. Funding applications will be reviewed by the EDC with award recommendation referred to the BOS.
 - H. Update on preparation of Tremko House phasing plan: Mr. Hurd has promised to supply the town with a completed phasing plan for the Tremko House by 11/21/2022.
 - I. Revisit employee insurance incentive program: No action was taken on the agenda item. On Advice of Counsel, the insurance incentive will be addressed during the next AFSCME contract negotiation
8. New Business
- A. Consideration of 2023 BOS meeting calendar: The BOS discussed the convening of workshops on the off-meeting weeks. Action on the 2023 BOS meeting calendar will appear on the 11/21/2022 agenda
 - B. Discuss and act on recommendation to the BOF for the appropriation of \$500,000 to satisfy the cost of reconstruction of Southworth Drive and Pompey Road in accordance with the award of the 2022 STEAP grant. Note that Special Town Meeting authorized the allocation of the Town match in the amount of \$100,000: Advice on funding options will be solicited from auditors King & King.
 - C. Ashford School oil tank replacement project bids: Discussion and possible action: Silver-Smith moved that, following discussion with the Public Works Supervisor, the First Selectman and the Interim Ashford School Superintendent consider procurement of a 20,000 gallon oil tank from a vendor other than Service Station Equipment, Inc. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved to authorize the Ashford School Superintendent to accept a bid in the amount of \$84,940 received from Service Station Equipment, Inc. for installation of a 20,000 gallon heating oil tank at the Ashford School. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - D. Consideration of Horse Listeners Orchard tax abatement application (in accordance with CGS, Sec. 12-81m): Phillips moved approval of a 50% tax abatement for Horse Listeners Orchard, Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - E. Board/Committee/Commission appointments
 - Recreation Commission
 - Economic Development Commission
 - Commission on Aging
 - Agriculture Commission
 - Accept the resignation of Sherry Simpson (term to expire 3/15/2025): It was with regret that the BOS accepted the resignation of Sherry Simpson from the Agriculture Commission.
 - Silver-Smith moved the appointment of Luther Brauch to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sherry Simpson as recommended by the Agriculture Commission (term to expire 3/15/2025). Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission:

- Accept the resignation of Gary Lipstreu (term to expire 6/01/2025). It was with regret that the BOS accepted the resignation of Gary Lipstreu from the IWWC
- Silver-Smith moved the appointment of Michael Dietz to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Raymond Fenn as recommended by the IWWC (term to expire 6/01/2023). Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Phillips moved the appointment of Bob Brisard to fill a vacancy created by the death of Jack Barclay as recommended by the IWWC (term to expire 6/01/2023). Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

F. Tax Refunds: In accordance with CGS 12-129, Silver-Smith moved approval of fourteen (14) tax refunds as presented by the Tax Collector. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. A complete list of those refunds is attached to these minutes.

G. Remarks for the good: The BOS briefly discussed the holding of hybrid meetings and the difficulties encountered.

H. Items for next BOS meeting

9. Adjournment at 8:54 p.m.

Christine K. Abikoff

Ashford Board of Selectmen – Special Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Condition(s) : Bill Dist/Susp/Bank Address	Name Address	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info. UniqueID/Reason	Paid Date	Tax	Int	L/F	Total Adjusted	Overpaid Tax
2020-03-0050014	ACAR LEASING LTD 4001 EMBARCADERO DR ARLINGTON TX 76014-4106	2018/ /1GTV2MEC5U2158566 50014 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	7/27/2021	536.22 919.77	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	536.22 919.77	-383.55
2021-03-0050009	ACAR LEASING LTD 4001 EMBARCADERO DR ARLINGTON TX 76014-4106	2018/ /1GTV2MEC1JZ151551 50009 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	7/15/2022	71.76 864.38	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	71.76 864.38	-792.62
2021-03-0050012	ACAR LEASING LTD 4001 EMBARCADERO DR ARLINGTON TX 76014-4106	2018/ /1GCVKREC5J3358926 50012 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	7/15/2022	71.53 861.80	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	71.53 861.80	-790.27
2021-03-0050607	BUSSE FRANK K 414 MANSEFIELD RD ASHFORD CT 06278-1416	2008/ /1TFR12288KB29985 50607 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	7/29/2022	67.53 161.97	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	67.53 161.97	-94.44
2021-03-0051231	DYER CARRIE J 5 OAKVIEW DR ASHFORD CT 06278-1232	2015/ /JF1GPAC64F8225215 51231 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	7/15/2022	289.97 316.20	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	289.97 316.20	-26.23
2020-01-0000623	FLETCHER RALPH H & SANDRA A 25 WATERFALL RD ASHFORD CT 06278	2012-25 WATERFALL RD 00069600 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	1/18/2022	5,544.10 5,566.18	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	5,544.10 5,566.18	-22.08
2021-03-0052172	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA P O BOX 901098 FORT WORTH TX 76101	2019/ /JF2GTACC6K8239592 52172 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	8/1/2022	140.35 561.41	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	140.35 561.41	-421.06
M001	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA P O BOX 901098 FORT WORTH TX 76101	2019/ /4S4BSENC9K3313550 52175 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	8/1/2022	438.09 751.45	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	438.09 751.45	-313.36
M001	KELLY MICHAEL 252 HILLSIDE RD ASHFORD CT 06278-2203	1994/ /CTRTRL2272 52199 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	7/30/2021	0.00 7.64	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 7.64	-7.64
2021-03-0052239	KELLY MICHAEL 252 HILLSIDE RD ASHFORD CT 06278-2203	1994/ /CTRTRL2272 52239 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	7/15/2022	0.00 6.78	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 6.78	-6.78
2021-03-0052693	MACCARONE DEBORAH F PO BOX 518 ASHFORD CT 06278-0518	2019/ /4S4BSANC4K3261396 52693 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	8/1/2022	690.47 716.28	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	690.47 716.28	-25.81
2021-03-0053158	NOLLET JOSEPH R 478 BOSTON ST TOPSFIELD MA 01983	2019/ /4S4BSAFCXK3311071 53158 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	8/1/2022	510.92 613.36	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	510.92 613.36	-102.44
2020-03-0053801	SARAZIN ROBERT M 261 TURNPIKE RD ASHFORD CT 06278-2411	2012/ /JF1GV8J68CLO24962 53801 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	7/29/2021	314.63 471.71	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	314.63 471.71	-157.08
2020-03-0054290	VAULT TRUST / Holly Financial 500 WOODWARD AVE FL 10 DETROIT MI 48226-3423	2018/ /C6RR7MT5JS220175 54290 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	7/26/2021	671.23 1,006.33	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	671.23 1,006.33	-335.10
TOTAL				9,346.80 12,825.26	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	9,346.80 12,825.26	-3,478.46