

# Town of Ashford

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**REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.  
ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES, ROOM 304  
To be held in person and via ZOOM**

## MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips. Silver-Smith
3. Hear from the public: No members of the public wishing to be heard at this time
4. First Selectman's briefing
  - Be advised that this meeting is being recorded
  - Falletti reported that the handicap accessible door assembly has been installed by Professional Lock on the front doors of the TOB – this was an approved ARPA funded project
  - The Ashford School oil tank replacement project is on schedule
  - Falletti reported that the Old Town Road/Ference Road intersection streetlight is operational
  - Thanks to the AVFD for their response to a structure fire on North Road
  - At this time, Silver-Smith requested that the BOS add an Executive Session at the end of their meeting to discuss the Ashford Citizen.
5. Phillips moved acceptance of the minutes of Regular Meeting of 2/6/2023. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the minutes of the Special Meeting of 2/11/2023. Falletti seconded the motion which passed. Phillips abstained.
6. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
7. Old Business
  - A. Status of after school childcare program as proposed by the Recreation Commission: applications will be forwarded to the BOS for review.
8. New Business
  - A. Board and Commission appointments:
    - Conservation Commission- Alternate vacancy term of which expires 11/21/2023
    - Economic Development Commission – two vacancies terms of which expire 2/02/2025
    - Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission: 1 vacant Regular Member seat the term of which expires 6/01/2025; 2 vacant Alternate Member seats terms of which expire 6/01/2023
    - Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 Alternate Member seat term of which expires 11/05/2025
    - Recreation Commission – 1 Alternate Member seat term of which expires 4/01/2023.
  - B. Silver-Smith moved approval of a request for permission to make use of Town of Ashford roadways for Motorcycle Run/Benefit to be held 6/10/2023. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
  - C. At this time Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda of discussion and/or action on the management of the Ashford School roof project. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Following discussion, Silver-Smith moved that the Board of Selectmen recommend that a project manager be hired to oversee the Ashford School roof project. Phillips seconded the motion. The point was made that the BOS recommendation is no reflection of the Ashford School Building Committee's ability to oversee the project but discussed time constraints and professional management of the project. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. At this time Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda of discussion regarding the Ashford Citizen. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The convening of an Executive Session was discussed. The BOS discussed the purpose of the publication, dissemination of information and policies governing the inclusion of submissions. Advertising rates, length of submissions and clarity of messages will be reviewed. The BOS respects the Editor's expertise and recognizes the work that goes into creating each monthly edition the Citizen.
- E. Agenda items for upcoming BOS meetings
- 2023-2024 budget
  - Consideration of Capital Projects submissions and the setting of a meeting to review
  - Extension of BOS budget presentation date
- F. Adjournment at 7:33 p.m.

Ashford Board of Selectmen – Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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