

# Town of Ashford

*Established 1714*

## REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

### ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES

**To be held in person and via ZOOM**

#### MINUTES

1. Call to order at 9:08 a.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith  
Guests: Sherri Mutch, Karen Zulick, Linda Gagne, Tess Grous, Daniel?
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's briefing
  - Reconstruction of Southworth Drive is ongoing
  - Laura Andert is preparing quarterly ARPA reporting documents for submission to NECCOG for the April 30<sup>th</sup> filing
  - The most recent information received from our health insurance broker shows a 15% cost increase
5. Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the minutes of Regular Meetings of 4/17/2023. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
6. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees: no reports
7. Old Business
  - A. Status of after school childcare program as proposed by the Recreation Commission: Falletti reported that he has met with Ashford School Superintendent, Cindy Ford, regarding this proposed program. Mr. Falletti and Ms. Ford are to meet with their respective counsels to consider program parameters. Silver-Smith was assured that there was no seed money for the after school program in the 2023-2024 budget.
  - B. Based upon a recommendation received from James Rupert, Phillips moved the appointment of Rich McKinnon to serve as Ashford's Chief Building Official. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mr. McKinnon will assume the position currently held by Mr. Rupert. Ms. Silver-Smith requested information regarding the status of apartment complex inspections and renters rights.
  - C. Discuss and/or act on Ashford Citizen administration: Silver-Smith moved the appointment of Colleen DePercio to the position of Editor of the Ashford Citizen effective immediately. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The BOS briefly discussed formulation of policies regarding content, review of advertising rate structure, hardware and software, creation of a dedicated email address. The BOS expressed their thanks to Sherri Mutch for the time and effort she has committed to building the Ashford Citizen into a much-appreciated source of information for our residents.
8. New Business
  - A. Discuss and/or act on formation of a cemetery committee: Falletti moved the formation of an advisory cemetery committee whose members will be Cathryn Silver-Smith, Sherri Mutch and James Reviczky. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
  - B. Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda of an appointment to the Eastern Regional Tourism Board. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Based on a recommendation received from the Economic Development Commission, Silver-Smith moved the appointment of

- Robert Ignatowicz to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Ann Lojzim on the Eastern Regional Tourism Board. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- C. Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda of extension to 8/31/2027 of a technology service agreement with Savage Systems. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved extension of a contract for technical services between the Town of Ashford and Savage Systems at rates quoted in a document accepting Savage's proposal dated August 18, 2022. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
  - D. Agenda items for upcoming BOS meetings: At this time the BOS was considering cancellation of their regularly scheduled 5/1/2023 meeting.
  - E. Silver-Smith moved adjournment at 9:21 a.m. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

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