

Town of Ashford

Established 1714

REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES

To be held in person and via ZOOM

MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith
Guests: Ashford resident Rob Chernuk
3. Executive Session to initiate union negotiations: This item will be considered at the June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of the BOS
4. Hear from the public
5. First Selectman's briefing
 - A. Falletti reported that the Southworth Drive reconstruction project is 99% complete and expected to come in \$20,000 under budget
 - B. Installation of piping, drainage and grading of Campert Lane has been completed
 - C. Cosmetic repairs (crack repairs, painting) to the TOB are in process. It is anticipated that exterior repairs will be performed by DPW
6. Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the minutes of Regular Meeting of 5/23/2023 with a correcting deleting the presence of Sherri Mutch and Karen Zulick as participants in the Executive Session. Falletti seconded the motion which passed. Phillips abstained as he did not attend the meeting.
7. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
8. Old Business
 - A. Status of after school childcare program as proposed by the Recreation Commission: Falletti reported that he is still awaiting input from the Ashford School Superintendent
 - B. Act on Ashford School Building Committee recommendation regarding issuance of RFP for architectural services relating to the Ashford School roof project: No action
 - C. Consider funding options relating to initiation of Ashford School roof project: No action
 - D. Silver-Smith moved the granting of a three-year extension of Ashford cemetery mowing contract as revised by Town Council (current contract expires 6/30/2023). Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - E. Ashford Citizen: review draft of establishment of policies and procedures relating to production and content of the Ashford Citizen as prepared by Silver-Smith. Falletti reported that Town Counsel is reviewing the draft.
 - F. Update on Transfer Station upgrades: Falletti reported that he is awaiting a delivery date for the guard shack. He also informed the BOS that our waste hauler, Cassella, is changing out the dumpsters at the Transfer Station replacing 40-yard dumpsters with 32-yard dumpsters. The Willimantic Waste contract (in effect until 6/30/2024) will be reviewed. A meeting of the Transfer Station Committee will be scheduled.
 - G. Silver-Smith moved reappointment of Treasurer, Sherri Soucy, to a two-year term as Town of Ashford Treasurer to expire 6/30/2025. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. Soucy will be asked to attend the Tuesday, June 13 meeting of the BOS.
 - H. Silver-Smith moved the reappointment of Garry Brown to serve as Ashford's Connecticut Veteran's Fund Representative for the American Legion administered Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund (per CGS, Sec. 27-103, Sec. 27-138, Sec. 27-140). Phillips seconded the motion

which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith thanked Brown for his years of service assisting our veterans.

9. New Business

A. Board and Commission Appointments

- Conservation Commission – 1 Alternate Member vacancy term of which expires 11/21/2023
- Economic Development Commission – 2 vacancies terms of which expire 2/02/2025
- Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission – fill 1 Regular Member vacant 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. Tax refunds: none

C. Silver-Smith moved the appointment of Jennifer Miller to serve as Ashford's Animal Control Officer effective 7/1/2023. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

D. Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda of reviewing applications and scheduling interviews for the position of Director of Public Works. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Falletti reported that he would set up interview appointments and ask that Joe Kalinowski attend.

E. Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda of an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved the BOS into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. The BOS exited Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. Present during Executive Session were Falletti, Phillips and Silver-Smith.

F. Agenda items for upcoming BOS meetings

G. Adjournment at 7:42 p.m.

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Board of Selectmen
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