

Town of Ashford

Established 1714

REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES

To be held in person and via ZOOM

MINUTES

1. Call to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith
Guests: Paul Varga, Jessica Miller, Dennis Poitras, Linda Gagne, Karen Zulick, Joe Kalinowski
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's briefing
 - Falletti updated members of the BOS on the status of repair of damage caused by a falling tree at South Cemetery and anticipated denial of coverage by CIRMA. The Sexton will be asked to provide a copy of our contract with Beyond the Gravestone.
5. Phillips moved acceptance of the minutes of Regular Meeting of 6/13/2023. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved tabling acceptance of the minute of the Special Meeting of 6/20/2023 to the next regular Selectmen's Meeting. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
6. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
At this time Silver-Smith moved consideration of item 8.C, Housing Authority request for ARPA funded appropriation. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
Agenda item 8.C: Ms. Miller presented two ARPA funding requests from the Ashford Housing Authority.
 - Request for funding to perform moderate rehabilitation at the Pompey Hollow Senior Housing
 - FY 2025 rental assistance in the amount of \$13,000
 - Ashford Housing Development Corporation seed money in the amount of \$62,000No action was taken on these request. Silver-Smith thanked Ms. Miller and Chairman Poitras for their work for the Ashford Housing Authority
7. Old Business
 - A. At this time, Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda of an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved the BOS into Executive Session at 9:45 a.m. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved the BOS out of Executive Session at 10:09 a.m. Present during Executive Session were Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith and Joe Kalinowski. Silver-Smith moved addition of the position of Public Works Consultant to the DPW roster. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved the hiring of Joe Kalinowski to fill the position of DPW Consultant effective 7/11/2023 at the pay rate of \$40/hour, maximum 25 hours per week. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. On behalf of the BOS, Silver-Smith thanked Mr. Kalinowski for his continued service to the town.
 - B. Status of after school childcare program as proposed by the Recreation Commission. A meeting with the Ashford School Superintendent, the BOE Chairman and the First Selectmen will be scheduled to discuss this program. Job descriptions will be reviewed, method of selecting participants will be considered, finances will be discussed with our auditors.

- C. Act on Ashford School Building Committee recommendation regarding issuance of RFP for architectural services relating to the Ashford School roof project. Once the RFP is finalized, Copies will be sent to Phillips and Silver-Smith for review.
 - D. Consider funding options relating to initiation of Ashford School roof project
 - 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. Newly approved advertising rates will appear in the July edition of the Citizen.
 - F. Update on Transfer Station upgrades. Guard shack is expected to be delivered tomorrow 6/28, 2023. We are still awaiting the delivery of millings to complete the access road improvements.
 - G. Discuss and/or act on AFSCME contract
8. New Business
- A. Board and Commission Appointments: The BOS recognizes and thanks all those who volunteer to serve on various Town of Ashford Boards and Commissions
 - Conservation Commission – 1 Alternate Member vacancy term of which expires 11/21/2023
 - Commission on Aging: Silver-Smith moved the reappointments to 6/30/2025 of Esther Jagodzinski, Jane Martin, Catherine Sampson, Charlene Armitage to the Commission on Aging. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - 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; 1 vacant Alternate Member seat term of which expire 6/01/2027. Phillips moved the reappoint of the following regular members of the IWWC to 6/1/2027: Robert Brisard, Richard Zulick, Cheryl Chase, Michael Dietz. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Phillips moved the reappoint of alternate member IWWC Elaine Corey-Zincavage to 6/1/2027. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 Alternate Member seat term of which expires 11/05/2025
 - B. Tax refunds - none
 - C. Ashford Housing Authority request for ARPA funded appropriation – addressed previously
 - D. Agenda items for upcoming BOS meetings
 - E. Adjournment at 10:38 a.m.

Christine Abikoff

Town of Ashford
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

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