

Town of Ashford

Established 1714

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

ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES

To be held in person and via ZOOM

MINUTES

1. Call to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith
Guests: Jessica Miller, Casey McCue, Karl Riendeau, Megan Burnett, Lynn Byberg
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's briefing
5. Acceptance of the minutes of the Special Meeting of 7/17/2023 and the Regular Meeting of 7/17/2023
6. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
7. Old Business
 - A. Status of after school childcare program: The BOS discussed the status of implementation of this program, which is expected to begin on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. The staff interview process will be expedited to allow time for required staff training.
 - B. Consider funding options relating to initiation of Ashford School roof project
 - C. Ashford Citizen: review draft of establishment of policies and procedures relating to production and content of the Ashford Citizen. Silver-Smith will review the draft with Colleen DePercio, Editor. Ms. DePercio has requested that the Citizen submissions deadline be moved back to the 15th of the month. The BOS will consider reinstatement of the editor's stipend.
 - D. Update on Transfer Station upgrades
 - E. Ashford Housing Authority request for ARPA funded appropriation: Ms. Miller presented the Housing Authority's current request for seed money from the ARPA funding. This seed money is related to needed facility rehabilitation and improvements
 - F. Discuss and/or act on AFSCME contract.
8. New Business
 - A. Consideration of a request from Ace Equipment Sales, Inc. to access their 38 acre parcel of land (GIS map #38, block A, lot 2) through land presently owned by the Town of Ashford (aka Cadlerock property) for the purpose of a log harvest. Mr. Riendeau presented an overview of the proposed logging of the Ace Equipment property and Ace's request for access to their parcel (map #38, block A, lot 2). The OS discussed possible safety issues relating to log truck traffic. Silver-Smith moved approval of the granting of access from the abandoned portion of Karosi Road across the town-owned portion of the Cadlerock property. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Per Mr. Riendeau, logging of the ACE parcel is expected to begin during the month of October, 2023 and will be completed by December 1, 2023.
 - B. Act on request from Community Consulting for subordination of housing rehabilitation lien 2012-05. Based upon a recommendation received from Community Consulting, Silver-Smith moved subordination of Housing Rehabilitation lien 2012-05. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- C. Receive information regarding the Ashford Housing Authority's request to pursue application for a Community Development Block Grant. Ms. Burnett gave an overview of the CDBG submission process.
- D. Act on request to call a Special Town Meeting received from the Assessor to approve revisions of Ashford Ordinance governing Dairy Farm and Orchard tax abatements. Ms. Byberg addressed the BOS regarding minor changes to the Dairy Farm/Orchard abatement ordinance and minor revision to the abatement application. The ordinance revision will be included on the agenda for the next Special Town Meeting.
- E. 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; 1 vacant Alternate Member seats terms of which expire 6/01/2027.
 - Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 Alternate Member seat term of which expires 11/05/2025
- F. Tax refunds
- G. Review of cemetery statutes relating to ownership of gravestones. The Town is still awaiting CIRMA's coverage determination letter.
- H. Agenda items for upcoming BOS meetings
 - Proposed ARPA funding
- I. Adjournment at 10:34 a.m.

Ashford Board of Selectmen – Agenda
7/25/2023

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Regular Meeting
Tuesday July 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Agenda

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