

# Town of Ashford

*Established 1714*

## REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

### ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES

To be held in person and via ZOOM

#### MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Silver-Smith. Phillips was excused  
Guests: Rob Chernuk, Joan Bowley, Christine Acebo, Paul Varga
3. Hear from the public: Ms. Acebo asked the status of the Meade house on Route 89 – Falletti reported that all pertinent departments, town officials and agencies are doing all they can to remedy the situation. Ms. Acebo requested information on the status of the Cadlerock property. Falletti reported that, this fall, Yale University students are expected to begin their inventory of the property. The purpose of their work is anticipated to assist in preparation of our next remediation grant application and in identification of potential uses of the property.
4. First Selectman's briefing
  - Falletti reported that he has met with the installer (Hinding) regarding degradation of the court's surface relating to foundation issues. Repairs will be done during the spring of 2024
  - Hinding was asked to provide a rough idea of the cost of creation of a pickleball court in Ashford Memorial Park
  - Falletti reported that guard rails on Varga Road that were damaged as the result of an auto accident have been replaced by DPW
  - A review of the rehabilitation of the front entrance to Knowlton Hall that was approved for ARPA funding will be rethought as to material to be used pavers vs. stamped concrete
  - The tree located on the Whitehouse property behind Knowlton Hall has been determined to present a potential danger to the Hall and will be considered for removal
  - A suggestion for use of the Cadlerock property received from Ginger Jenne, representing the Quiet Corner New England Mountain Bike Association, was briefly discussed.
  - CIRMA's denial of claim for damage to South Cemetery was distributed to members of the BOS
  - The BOS briefly discussed damage to the playing fields at Ashford Memorial Park this past weekend
  - Use of the Babcock Cemetery by the Ashford Historical Society during the month will be forwarded to the Cemetery Committee for recommendation to the BOS
5. Acceptance of the minutes of Special Meeting of 7/17/2023, Regular Meeting of 7/17/2023 and Regular Meeting of 7/25/2023
6. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
  - Ms. Bowley addressed the BOS as a member of the Tremko House *ad hoc* Committee recounting the walkthrough of the property done on July 12 and the August 2 meeting of the Committee, Falletti and architect, Robert Hurd. She reviewed environmental and building safety concerns. On behalf of the Committee, she recommended an appropriation from ARPA funding in the amount of \$20,000 to perform what they consider necessary environmental and structural analysis.
7. Old Business
  - A. Status of after school childcare program

- B. Consider funding options relating to initiation of Ashford School roof project
  - C. Ashford Citizen: continued review of draft establishing policies and procedures relating to production and content of the Ashford Citizen.
  - D. Update on Transfer Station upgrades
  - E. Ashford Housing Authority request for ARPA funded appropriation
  - F. Discuss and/or act on AFSCME contract
8. New Business
- A. Discuss and act on the scheduling of a Special Town Meeting to seek approval of the following items:
    - approval of revisions to Ashford Ordinance governing Dairy Farm and Orchard tax abatements;
    - the appropriation of start-up funding for Ashford’s after school childcare program, as recommended to the Board of Finance for consideration at their next regular meeting;
    - consideration of the allocation of additional ARPA funding items
  - B. 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
  - C. Tax refunds: Silver-Smith moved approval of the following tax refunds citing CGS 12-129: Jesse Thibault in the amount of \$60.06; Jesse Thibault in the amount of \$555.72; and Jesse Thibault in the amount of \$799.81. Phillips seconded the motion which passed.
  - D. Agenda items for upcoming BOS meetings
  - E. Adjournment

Ashford Board of Selectmen – Agenda  
8/7/2023

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Regular Meeting  
Monday, August 7, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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