

**Ashford, Connecticut**  
**ASHFORD BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday August 15, 2023**

Hybrid Meeting / In-Person - Ashford Town Hall, and Zoom

**1. Call to Order** was at 6:30 p.m. by John Kopec; other members present were Jesse Burnham, Christina Davis and Paul Varga.

Guests: 1st Selectmen, Mr. William Falletti, Ex-Officio Member

**2. Roll Call and Seating of Alternates:** The roll call was taken. Ms. Davis was seated for Mr. Bean.

**3. Public Comments:** none

**4. Ashford After School Program update and action if required**

Mr. Falletti stated that the last day to register would be tomorrow Aug. 16th. Children from Kindergarten to 6th graders can participate. The program will run from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. each weekday with staff arriving about one half hour earlier. To date two assistants and one helper have been hired. From this group one will eventually become the leader. Until that time the Superintendent will oversee and lead the program. All staff will be part time (no benefits) with \$25/hr. for the leader, assistant \$22/hr., and helper \$17-19/hr. Although this is a town program the Ashford School will participate by providing the cafeteria and sometimes the gym for the activities.

The program will begin on Sept. 5, 2023 with no more than 20 children. Payment is due one month in advance, a cost of \$100/mo. The program is expected to be self-funding. There is expected to be no cost to the town; although to start the revolving fund being requested, some funds might be needed at the beginning from the town. The fund requested would be a separate activity fund showing revenue and expenses or disbursements, staff payments to be handled as for other town employees by the treasurer.

Program evaluations are to be conducted quarterly. The opportunity to help subsidize parental costs to those families in need is being studied at present. Insurance is covered by Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA). The town's Social Services' department will also be looking for ways to financially help those in need.

Mr. Varga thought the program valid but hoped that it would not expand to cause the town to support child care. He is willing to give it a chance.

**MR. VARGA MOVED AND MS. DESANTO SECONDED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE TOWN TREASURER TO ESTABLISH AN ACTIVITY FUND WITH ASSOCIATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES LINE ITEMS TITLED ASHFORD AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAM. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MR. VARGA MOVED AND MS. DESANTO SECONDED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO TEMPORARILY FUND THE ASHFORD AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE PROGRAM ACTIVITY FUND WITH TOWN FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$3000. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Adjournment:**

**MS. DESANTO MOVED AND MR. BURNHAM SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:55 P.M.**

*Respectfully submitted by,*  
*Valerie B. Oliver, Recording Secretary*  
*8/16/2023*