

Town of Ashford

Established 1714

**REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 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, Karen Zulick, Linda Gagne, Lynn Byberg
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's briefing
 - Another act of vandalism at Ashford Memorial Park has been reported to the CSP
 - Falletti reminded the BOS that registration for the after school childcare program ends tomorrow, 8/16/2023
5. Falletti reported that the Ashford School oil tank has been installed and patching around the tank installation (1,500-2,000 square feet) will be required. The Board discussed amount of area to be repaved. At this time Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda of consideration of repaving only the area around the newly installed tank or the entire area. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved that the BOS endorse a recommendation to the Board of Finance to allocate an amount not to exceed \$25,000 from CNR to repave the entire area. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The town has sold the remaining fuel in the old tank (approximately 6,000 gallons) to the contractor.
6. Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the minutes of Special Meeting of 7/17/2023. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Phillips moved acceptance of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 7/17/2023. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Phillips moved acceptance of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 7/25/2023. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The minutes of 8/7/2023 will be carried over to the 8/21/2023 agenda.
7. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
8. Old Business
 - A. Status of after school childcare program. At their meeting scheduled for 8/15/2023, the BOF will be requested to establish a special revenue/expenditure fund for the after school childcare program. At this time, Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda of the hiring of staff for the after school childcare program. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved the hiring of the following candidates to staff the Ashford School After School Childcare Program: Sara Wilson to the position of Assistant Lead, Caitlyn Dimmock to the position of Assistant Lead and Marilyn Percy to the position of helper. The afterschool childcare staff will be hired as part-time town employees with no benefits. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - 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. Phillips moved acceptance of The Ashford Citizen – Policies & Procedures dated August 15, 2023. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith was thanked for her work on this document.

- D. Silver-Smith moved reinstatement of Ashford Citizen Editor stipend in the amount of \$5,200, to be paid on a monthly basis retroactive to 5/1/2023. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - E. Update on Transfer Station upgrades: Falletti reported that Transfer Station stickers have been received. He further reported that there still remain facets of the distribution that have to finalized prior to initiation.
 - F. Discuss and/or act on AFSCME contract
9. New Business
- A. Silver-Smith moved 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;
 - consideration of the allocation of additional ARPA funding items totaling \$188,370Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - 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: None
 - D. Request for subordination of housing rehabilitation lien as recommended by Community Consulting: This item will be acted on at the next regular BOS meeting.
 - E. Agenda items for upcoming BOS meetings
 - F. Adjournment at 10:17 a.m.

Ashford Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

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