

Ashford, Connecticut
ASHFORD BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday August 24, 2023

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

1. Call to Order was at 7:00 p.m. by John Kopec; other members present were Judith Austin, 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 Ms. DeSanto.

3. Communications: none

4. Public Comments: none

5. Approve Minutes of:

Regular Meeting Minutes, Thursday, July 13, 2023

Ms. Davis moved and Ms. Austin seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular BOF meeting July 13, 2023. Motion passed with abstentions from Mr. Varga and Mr. Kopec.

Regular Meeting Thursday August 10, 2023

Mr. Varga moved and Mr. Kopec seconded a motion to approve the regular BOF meeting minutes for August 10, 2023 as corrected. Motion passed with abstentions from Ms. Austin and Ms. Davis.

correction: In motion: Mr. Varga moved and Mr. Mackenzie seconded...

Special Meeting Tuesday August 15, 2023

Ms. Davis moved and Mr. Varga seconded a motion to approve the special BOF meeting August 15, 2023 as corrected. Motion passed with one abstention from Ms. Austin.

corrections: present was also Angie DeSanto / 4. 2d paragraph, line 2, a cost of \$100/wk.

6. New Business.

a. Selectman's Update

Mr. Falletti noted the school oil tank project has been finished under budget by about \$95,000-100,000; these funds should go back to the CNR per the Treasurer (decision by BOF). School roof area to be replaced; proposals will begin to arrive next week. The generator is to be paid by the insurer as is the temporary rented one being used until the new one is delivered in November. Union negotiations have begun; Transfer Station upgrades are underway, and new tickets should be ready by late Sept. or early October. A tree behind Knowlton Hall has been taken down, and fixing the failing Hall gutters will be a new project.

A hybrid Town Meeting will be held Sept. 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to consider wording changes to the dairy farm ordinance and also to discuss other ARPA projects. This meeting will be outlined in the upcoming *Ashford Citizen*.

b. Annual Report, Mr. Burnham not in attendance

c. Discussion about having town employees come in to speak about their job functions and duties

d. The Assessor has been asked for the September 21st meeting.

e. Presentation by Sheryl York, Dir. Parks & Recreation has been postponed until the next meeting.

f. Discussion on filling the Chairman's position

Ms. Austin moved and Mr. Varga seconded a motion to select Mr. John Kopec as the new BOF Chairman to serve until the November town elections. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Varga moved and Ms. Austin seconded a motion to add discussion of selecting a BOF Clerk to the current agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Since several members were not present, it was decided to continue a discussion at the next meeting and make the selection then.

8. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting:

Visit by Sheryl York
Select BOF Clerk
Annual Report

9. Remarks for the Good of the Board:

Ms. Austin and Mr. Varga noted that Mr. Kopec has done a great job at handling the meetings and will do well as the new Chairman.

10. Adjournment:

Ms. Austin moved and Mr. Varga seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously at 7:25 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Valerie B. Oliver, Recording Secretary
8/24/2023*