

TOWN OF ASHFORD

Office of the Selectmen

William A. Falletti
First Selectman

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES, LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM

5 TOWN HALL ROAD, ASHFORD, CT 06278

The electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town Meetings in the Town of Ashford, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that a Public Informational Hearing and Special Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Town Office Building in person, hybrid and virtually via ZOOM.

1. To receive information on proposed expenditures utilizing American Rescue Plan Funds totaling \$188,370 as follows:
 - a) Installation of split-units at the Ashford Senior Center in an amount not to exceed \$70,000;
 - b) Lost pay, including benefits, in an amount not to exceed \$12,370;
 - c) KMH – ADA access – front doors in an amount not to exceed \$20,000
 - d) KMH – roof gutters - \$10,000
 - e) Ashford Housing Authority – “to preserve and create new affordable housing opportunities and raise funds to support programs that will enhance the lives of Ashford residents” in the amount of \$21,000
 - f) AVFD – automatic defibrillators - 6 units and supplies = 15,000
 - g) AVFD – PPE – bunker gear (8 sets) @ \$5,000 = \$40,000
2. To receive information on proposed revision to Ashford Ordinance “Tax Abatement for Dairy Farms and Orchards, Including Vineyards,” adopted at Town Meeting on April 26, 2006.

Paragraph 6 of the ordinance currently in effect reads “Any abatement will continue in force for five years or until such time as the farm, orchard or vineyard is sold, or until such time as the property ceases to be a “dairy farm,” “orchard” or vineyard,” whichever comes first.”

The proposed revision will read “Any abatement will continue in force for five (5) years, **ten years if a renewal application is filed**, or until such time as the farm, orchard or vineyard is sold, or until such time as the property ceases to be a “dairy farm,” “orchard” or vineyard,” whichever comes first.”

Following discussion on the above funding requests, the Special Town Meeting will be called to order for the purpose of acting on:

1. Choosing of a moderator for said meeting;
2. To Approve the allocation of proposed ARPA funding as presented above . Items (a) thru (g), in the above list will be voted on separately;
3. To approve revision of paragraph 6 of an ordinance entitled “Tax Abatements for Dairy Farms and Orchards, including Vineyards”
4. Adjournment

William A. Falletti
First Selectman

Roger Phillips
Selectman

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith
Selectman

Ashford Special Town Meeting
Wednesday, September 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83642368532?pwd=bDI1bmpGR251VitoNzFzUURzVnYvdz09>

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