

Town of Ashford

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**REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.
ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES
To be held in person and via ZOOM**

MINUTES

1. Call to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith
Guests: Sandy Lebreque, Esther Jagodzinski
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's briefing
 - The final version of the 2023-2026 AFSCME contract has not yet been received
 - Tremko House updates: two bids for removal of the furnace and oil tank in the basement of the Tremko House have been received; Richard Zulick has submitted a proposal for wetlands delineation and preparation of a B100a. Falletti will prepare a request to the BOF for the required expenditures
 - Maintenance and repair of KMH gutters has begun
 - Falletti reported that the replacement of KMH pavers at the front entry has begun and will be completed by November 5, 2023. The side door entrance into the hall is currently being utilized for entrance to the building
 - A revised job description for the DPW Maintainer II position will be circulated for review and will be posted in-house
 - Falletti reported that an automobile was broken into at Ashford Memorial Park
 - The Ashford School Building Committee will be conducting interviews for provision of architectural design services today

Silver-Smith moved consideration of item 8.F on the agenda. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. ASCO President, Sandy Lebreque read a prepared statement.

5. Phillips moved acceptance of the minutes of Regular Meeting of 10/10/2023. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
6. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees: No reports
7. Old Business
 - A. Status of after school childcare program: the program is running smoothly with an average of 18 students per day
 - B. Consider funding options relating to initiation of Ashford School roof project
 - C. Update on Transfer Station upgrades: Silver-Smith moved the appointment of a selection committee consisting of William Falletti, Casey McCue and Joe Kalinowski to evaluate applicants and make appointment recommendations to the BOS for the Transfer Station/Custodian/DPW position. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously
8. New Business
 - A. Board and Commission Appointments
 - Conservation Commission – 1 Alternate Member vacancy term of which expires 11/21/2023

- Ashford Housing Authority – 2 vacancies: one of which would expire 1/1/2028 and one to expire 1/1/2024
 - Eastern Highlands Health District Board of Directors – appointment of municipal representative
 - Economic Development Commission – 1 Regular Member vacancy that expires in February of 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
- B. Tax refunds: Phillips moved approval of the following tax refunds: Toyota Lease Trust in the amount of \$460.26 and Toyota Lease Trust in the amount of \$371.14. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- C. Silver-Smith moved approval of early closing, November Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at noon for the Thanksgiving holiday
- D. Silver-Smith moved approval of a dairy farm/orchard abatement request presented by Horse Listener's Orchard. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- E. Discuss and act upon formulation of 2024 BOS meeting calendar. This item will be acted upon following the November 7 municipal election
- F. Discussion re: Senior Center/ASCO/Town of Ashford relationships
- G. Conservation Commission presentation re: interruption of ZOOM meetings
- H. Agenda items for upcoming BOS meetings
- I. Adjournment at 9:44 a.m.

Ashford Board of Selectmen
 Tuesday, October 24, 2023 9:00 a.m.

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