

Town of Ashford

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**REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.
ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES
To be held in person and via ZOOM**

MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith
Guests: Paul Varga
3. Hear from the public: No members of the public wishing to be heard at this time
4. First Selectman's briefing
 - Falletti reported that the 2023-2026 AFSCME contract has not yet been received from the AFSCME union representative
 - Falletti reported that, as announced in the November edition of the Ashford Citizen, the Town of Ashford will participate with the Towns of Willington and Mansfield in recognizing our World War II veterans. The recognition ceremony will be held in the Town of Willington on Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 11:15 a.m. at #20 Senior Way. Of the seven remaining World War II veterans in the three towns, the following three veterans will attend and be recognized: Willington's Lawrence Becker (Army Air Corps), Mansfield's William Aho (U.S. Army) and Ashford's George Celotti (U.S. Army).
 - Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda of an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Falletti reported that distribution of new Transfer Station stickers is going well.
 - The BOS discussed the KMH patio project and, review of bids received, and the award process.
 - Falletti reported that the DPW Freightliner is in need of major repair. We anticipate receipt of repair estimates shortly.
 - Falletti reported that the trash compactor at the Transfer Station is in need of major repairs. The BOS will be informed when the damage is fully assessed and the estimated repair cost.
5. Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda of approval of the BOS minutes of 10/24/2023. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the minutes of 10/24/2023. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The minutes of 10/31/2023 will be considered for acceptance at the 11/14/2023 BOS meeting
6. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
7. Old Business
 - A. Ashford School Roof Replacement projects update. The architectural design contract has been forwarded to the Tom Hibbard of Hibbard & Rosa for review.
 - B. Ratification of 2023-2026 AFSCME contract: The union ratified contract has not yet been received.
 - C. ARPA account update: The BOS will schedule a special meeting to review the status of the ARPA account
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: Silver-Smith moved approval of a tax refund citing CGS 12-129 in the amount of \$9.61 to Carrie Conklin. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- C. Silver-Smith moved ratification of Woodward Cemetery deed as prepared by the Ashford Town Clerk. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- D. Discuss and act on appointment of Transfer Station/DPW/Custodian based upon rankings received from the selection committee: An interview schedule will be formulated to interview the top four applicants as rated by the selection committee.
- E. Silver-Smith moved the BOS into Executive Session to discuss various personnel matters at 7:36 p.m. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The BOS exited Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. Present during Executive Session were Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith.
- F. Discuss and act upon formulation of 2024 BOS meeting calendar
- G. Agenda items for upcoming BOS meetings
- H. Adjournment at 8:20 p.m.

Christine K. Abikoff

Ashford Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday, November 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.

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