

Town of Ashford

Established 1714

**REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES

To be held in person and via ZOOM

MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith
Guests: Karen Zulick, Sherri Mutch
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 Casey McCue's job performance is up to expectations
 - Knowlton Hall furnace repairs – bids to replace furnace gaskets are being solicited
 - Removal of the oil tank and boiler in the Tremko House has been quoted by Nutmeg Mechanical at \$8,500
 - Repairs to the DPW Freightliner came in at \$12,000
 - Repairs to the DPW loader are estimated to be \$4,000
 - The need for repairs to the Transfer Station compactor will continue to be monitored
5. Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the minutes of Regular Meeting of 11/6/2023. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the minutes of 11/14/2023. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The minutes of 10/31/2023 will be considered at a future meeting.
6. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
7. Old Business
 - A. Ashford School Roof Replacement projects update: Per the Ashford School Superintendent, no word has as yet been received from DAS.
 - B. Silver-Smith moved that the Board of Selectmen ratify the 2023-2026 AFSCME contract as presented. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - C. Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda and approval of non-union full-time, temporary part-time and permanent part-time salary increases in accordance with those increases ratified in the 2023-2026 AFSCME contract. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
8. New Business
 - A. Board and Commission Appointments
 - Phillips moved the reappointment of Lynn Byberg to serve in the position of Ashford Assessor to 6/30/2025. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Consideration of formation of 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Committee.
 - Board of Assessment Appeals: Reappointment of Alternate member Rob Trotta (R) (attached to Tom Martin). Reappointment of Alternate member Nyaunu Wi Stevens (D) (attached to Elizabeth Little) Both to serve to 11/2027
 - Conservation Commission – Reappointments of Loretta Wrobel, Steve Morytko, Gwen Haaland, Christine Acebo, Janet Bellamy, Bill Dubinsky to serve as regular members to 11/2025. Reappointment of Stephanie Dubinsky to an Alternate member seat to serve to 11/2025. 1 Alternate Member vacancy term of which expires 11/2025

- Ashford Housing Authority – 1 vacancy to expire 1/1/2024 and one vacancy to expire 1/1/2028.
 - 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
 - Our Town Our Future Core Committee - Reappointments of Ray Fenn, Maureen Hanink, Richard Williams, Gwen Haaland, Margaret Chatey, Mike Gantick to serve to 11/2025. Appointment of Nora Galvin to serve a full term on the OTOF Core Committee
- B. Tax refunds
- C. Phillips moved approval of contracted KMH cleaning services effective immediately at an estimated cost not to exceed \$4,000.00 per year. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- D. Discuss and act upon formulation of 2024 BOS meeting calendar
- E. Agenda items for upcoming BOS meetings
- F. Adjournment

Ashford Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday, November 20, 2023 7:00 p.m.

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