

TOWN OF ASHFORD

Office of the Selectmen

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith
First Selectman

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING/SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024, 6:30 P.M. LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

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 Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Town Office Building in person and virtually via ZOOM.

The Public Informational Hearing will be for the purpose of choosing a moderator and receiving comment on the following items.

1. Receive information on the proposed reallocation of \$74,611 of American Rescue Plan funds remaining in underspent projects and adjustments necessitated by projects that were overspent. All projects had been approved at duly noticed town meetings.
 - a) Knowlton Hall – installation of mini-split heating/air conditioning units – remaining balance \$950
 - b) Knowlton Hall – redesign and installation of paving blocks to ensure safer access to the building – remaining balance \$37,257
 - c) AVFD – purchase of Hurst Tool (Jaws of Life) – remaining balance \$520
 - d) AVFD – upgrade and installation of mini-split heating/air conditioning units in an amount – remaining balance \$3,689
 - e) AVFD – replacement and/or addition to the AVFD supply of emergency equipment remaining balance \$526
 - f) Town Office Building – Installation of handicap access mechanism to front door of building - remaining balance \$703
 - g) Town Office Building – interior/exterior lighting upgrades - remaining balance \$2,109
 - h) DPW/Transfer Station – Installation of fencing and gate – remaining balance \$200.00
 - i) Housing Authority Rental Subsidy - remaining balance \$2,012
 - j) Broadband Buildout – remaining balance \$32,490

- k) TOB – security upgrades – remaining balance \$3,860
- l) DPW/Ashford School gasoline dispenser – this project was overspent in the amount of \$8,124
- m) Social Service Department – appropriation for family support overspent by \$1,499
- n) Town buildings – systems analysis – overspent by \$82

Following discussion on the above funding adjustments, the Special Town Meeting will be called to order for the purpose of acting on the reallocation and appropriation of American Rescue Plan funds. You must attend the meeting in person to be eligible to vote on the following appropriations.

1. Choosing of a moderator for said meeting;
2. Approve reallocation of \$74,611 to future projects meeting criteria established by the U.S. Department of the Treasury
3. Approval of the allocation of ARPA funding for the following projects:
 - a) Approval of an additional appropriation in the amount of \$500 to supplement funds remaining (\$9,825) in the AVFD request to purchase four (4) defibrillators. These units are intended to be available in the Town Office Building, Knowlton Memorial Hall, Ashford Senior Center and the Ashford Public Works garage.
 - b) Approval of an appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 for creation of a new Town of Ashford website
 - c) Approval of an appropriation in the amount of \$27,000 for the repair and resurfacing of the Ashford Memorial Park basketball courts.
 - d) Approval of funds in the amount of \$3,900 to replace the countertop located in the foyer of the Ashford Senior Center.

THE ABOVE ITEMS WILL BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY BY THOSE ATTENDING THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING IN PERSON ONLY.

Cathryn E. Silver-Smith
First Selectman

Roger Phillips
Selectman

William Falletti
Selectman

Public Hearing/Special Town Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Ashford Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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