

Town of Ashford

Established 1714

REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

To be held virtually

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MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Members present: Silver-Smith, Falletti, Phillips
Guests: Paul Varga
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's Briefing
 - REMINDERS
 - Special Selectmen's Meeting, Tuesday, 6/8/2020, 5:30 to review AFSCME proposals
 - Special Selectmen's Meeting, Wednesday, 6/9/2021 AFSCME negotiation meeting
 - Silver-Smith outlined what we understand about American Rescue Plan funding to municipalities. The Treasurer has contacted the auditors regarding setting up of a special fund to handle this funding. Broad funding categories have been announced by the state. The towns now need to expand on those categories and prioritize projects.
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
6. Falletti moved acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of 5/17/2021 and Special Meeting of 5/26/2021. Phillips seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
 - A. Discuss reopening strategies – Town facilities – the BOS briefly discussed hybrid meeting technology and possible use of American Rescue funding to implement said technology. Modified Wednesday hours will be put into effect on Wednesday, June 9. Town offices will be staffed from 11 A.M. to 7:00 p.m.
 - B. Continued discussion regarding Howard Road noise complaints. Additional complaints have been forwarded to the CSP. Implementation of a noise ordinance is still being considered. Falletti reported on complaints he has received regarding target shooting on Kidder Brook Road.
 - C. Phillips moved this item to the end of the agenda. Falletti seconded the motion which passed. Executive session to discuss pending and potential litigation and to protect the Towns' collective rights and interests relating to the lots that comprise and are known as the Cadlerock properties in both the Towns of Ashford and Willington pursuant to CGS 1-210(b)(4).
 - D. Report on settlement of MidNEROC Household Hazardous Waste disposal issue: Silver-Smith advised the BOS that potential litigation and claims relating to the disposal of household hazardous waste collected through Mid-NEROC at the Willington Transfer Station and transported by the contractor for final disposal to the State of Georgia have been settled. The settlement was constructed to protect Mid-NEROC and participating towns from any liability attached to the handling of the generated waste.
 - E. Discuss proposed Tremko House project: Silver-Smith communicated that she still have not had a response from the architect.
8. New Business
 - A. Board/Commission/Committee appointments
 - Inland Wetlands & Watercourses: Fill Alternate vacancy created by the elevation of Cheryl Chase to Regular member status. (Can be D, R or U)

- Inland Wetlands & Watercourses. Fill Alternate vacancy created by the resignation of Ken Garee. (Can be D, R, U)
- Our Town Our Future Core Committee. Falletti moved the appointment of Margaret Chatey effective immediately (term runs concurrently with those of the members of the Board of Selectmen) to a seat on the Our Town Our Future Core Committee. Phillips seconded the motion which passed.
- Board of Assessment Appeals: Fill vacant Democrat seat to 11/9/2021.
- Recreation Commission: Fill two Alternate member seats – terms to expire 3/31/2024 and 3/31/2026.

B. Tax Refunds: None

C. Phillips moved the reappointment of Cheryl Baker to position of Town Treasurer (to 6/30/2023). Falletti seconded the motion which passed.

D. Falletti moved the reappointment of Kara Fishman to position of Town Assessor (to 6/30/2023). Phillips seconded the motion which passed.

E. It was with regret that the BOS acknowledged the retirement of Richard E. Whitehouse as Town of Ashford Fire Marshal effective 6/30/2021. Falletti moved acceptance. Phillips seconded the motion which passed.

F. Falletti moved the appointment of Charles M. Sweetland to the position of Town of Ashford Fire Marshal as recommended by Chief Whitehouse, Chief Wayne Fletcher and Paul Varga. Phillips seconded the motion which passed.

G. Falletti moved ratification of Woodward Cemetery deed presented by the Ashford Town Clerk. Phillips seconded the motion which passed.

7.C. Phillips moved the BOS into Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation and to protect the Towns' collective rights and interests relating to the lots that comprise and are known to the Cadlerock properties in both the Towns of Ashford and Willington pursuant to CGS 1-210-(b)(4). at 7:48 p.m. Falletti seconded the motion which passed. The BOS exited Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. Present during Executive Session were Silver-Smith, Falletti, Phillips, Abikoff.

9. Adjournment

Topic: Ashford BOS 060721
Time: June 7, 2021 07:00 PM

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