

**Ashford, Connecticut**  
**ASHFORD BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday June 8, 2023**

Hybrid Meeting / Zoom / In-Person - Ashford Town Hall, lower-level room 104

**Call to Order** was at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Judith Austin. Members present were: Jesse Burnham, Christina Davis, John Kopec, Paul Varga.

**2. Roll Call and Seating of Alternates:** The roll call was taken, and Ms. Davis was seated for Ms. DeSanto.

**3. Communications:** material sent to members

**4. Public Comments:** none

**5. Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting Thursday, May 11, 2023**

**MS. DAVIS MOVED AND MR. VARGA SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOF MEETING MAY 11, 2023. MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM MR. KOPEC.**

**6. New Business**

**a. Selectman's Update** - Selectman not present

**b. ECS update,** short statement by the Chair

**c. Annual Report**

Mr. Burnham noted he had emailed members with an update. Eleven reports have been received out of a total of 26 departments. The Chair will reach out again to departments. Mr. Varga indicated he will get his report in. Ms. Austin will check on the BOF's report.

**Further Communication:**

The Chairman asked for further consideration and discussion regarding the BOF's schedule for the 2023 -2024 budget hearings, etc. as well as the schedule for referendums. The major concern is not having actual dollar amounts at the time of a specific meeting. The Chairman asked for member's thoughts on the way BOF handled it. Insurance costs are a concern as some came in after the budget presentation. Having actual figures allows for more accurate decisions. Late figures from the state are also a concern. The discussion focused also on the extra amount the BOE has (for their 1% fund). It was agreed that if this amount was held by the town, the BOF could insure that it was not spent by the town but was held for the BOF. This was just a discussion for now per the Chairman.

**7. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting**

Town Annual Report for 2021-2022- update

insurance information

Cadlerock, any concerns

Auditors - comments

Please let Ms. Austin know of any other topics for the agenda.

**8. Remarks for the Good of the Board**

Ms. Austin thanked all and knows that summer is busy for everyone.

**9. Adjournment**

**MR. VARGA MOVED AND MR. BURNHAM SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Respectfully submitted by*  
*Valerie B. Oliver, Recording Secretary, 6/14/2023*