

Ashford, Connecticut
ASHFORD BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday June 22, 2023

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

1. **Call to Order** was at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Judith Austin. Members present were: Christina Davis, John Kopec, Paul Varga and Mr. William Falletti, 1st Selectman, Ex-Officio Member.
2. **Roll Call and Seating of Alternates:** The roll call was taken.
- 3.. **Communications:** none
4. **Public Comments:** none
5. **Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting Thursday, June 8, 2023**

MS. DAVIS MOVED AND MR. VARGA SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOF MEETING JUNE 8, 2023. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. New Business

a. Selectman's Update - Mr. Falletti reviewed town happenings. He announced the **Open House at both the Fire Dept. and the DPW on July 1, Saturday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** All are welcome to see the equipment required to provide these needed services and meet the staff. Families are especially invited as young children enjoy seeing all the trucks and other equipment. **The July 4th Committee can use more volunteers.**

The Pompey Hollow Road project has been finished under budget; work remains on Old Town Rd. and the Campert Ln. and Dr area. The new **Ashford Highway Foreman is Mr. Sam Mercier** who will begin work on July 1st. There are **ARPA funds for the Ashford Senior Ctr.** and an announcement about this will be in the upcoming *Ashford Citizen*. Anyone is welcome at the Center. Union and Eastford do not have senior centers. Ms. Davis asked about the idea of extending library services to those towns without a library. Currently in Connecticut one's library card allows services at other town libraries.

The *Ashford Citizen* is now edited by Coleen Depercio, Registrar of Voters. The Transfer Station will be getting a new guard booth, and permits and proof of town residence will be checked carefully. New permits may be issued in the future. A turn around area is to be created as well.

The **Ashford After School Program** should be on the BOF next agenda and they may need seed funds to get started. Otherwise, it will be a self-funded program covered by the \$75-\$100 weekly cost paid by parents. Insurance policies in place should cover the small staff needed for the program.

Mr. Falletti also suggested inviting Ms. Soucy for the next BOF meeting to talk about a "revolving account" for use by the Rec. Dept. and Senior Ctr. If they receive excess funds for a program that excess goes to the General Fund. That requires that they ask for those funds if needed to help with another program.

b. Annual Report - Mr. Burnham was not present with information as to status.

c. Discussion about having town employees coming in to speak about their job functions and duties.

All agreed that this is a good idea, a way to meet the people, especially if they are responsible for presenting a budget.

7. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Invite Ms. Soucy to present her new "account" idea

Ashford After School Program

Ashford's Annual Town Report FY 2021-2022

A visitor, to speak about their Ashford job

8. Remarks for the Good of the Board

The chair asked all to have a good two weeks, until the July 13th meeting.

9. Adjournment

MR. VARGA MOVED AND MR. KOPEC SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,
Valerie B. Oliver, Recording Secretary, 6/22/2023