

Town of Ashford

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MEETING NOTICE

REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

**To be held in person and virtually
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MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith
Guests: Paul Varga, Kit Eves
3. Hear from the public: No members of the public wishing to be heard at this time

At this time, Silver-Smith moved consideration of item 7.H. under Old Business. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Background of the Town's Petty Cash Policy, adopted by the BOS on 12/07/2016, was discussed in relation to a request from Kit Eves, Senior Center Director for institution of a petty cash fund for the purchase of small items for the Senior Center. Silver-Smith moved approval of funding a Senior Center petty case with \$100. Phillips seconded the motion. BOS discussed security, implementation of an accounting system and securing a recommendation from the Town's auditors. Silver-Smith moved a friendly amendment to the motion which included proceeding with a 90-day trial period and receiving an opinion from the auditors. Voting yes on the motion were Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith.

4. First Selectman's Briefing:
 - The installation of split units approved for ARPA funding at town meeting for Station 20 has been completed. There remains coordinating the units with the emergency generator.
 - Split units for Knowlton Hall approved for APRA funding will be installed during the week of October 17th and should take approximately two weeks to complete. The Babcock Library Board Chairman and Library staff were privy to the meeting. The Ashford Garden Club will be contacted regarding the pruning or removal of shrubbery that might interfere with installation of the units.
 - We received a letter of award in the amount of \$500,000 from OPM in response to our application for the reconstruction of Southworth Drive and Pompey Road. At this time we plan to begin this project in the spring of 2023.
 - Falletti reported that Family Day was well attended. He suggested that in the future a committee be convened to assist the Recreation Director and Social Service Director with preparations.
 - The BOS discussed complaints received from Seckar Road residents re: safety concerns regarding quads utilizing the dirt portion of Seckar Road.
 - Reminder the 2022 brownfield remediation grant application is due this Friday, September 23, 2022.
5. Acceptance of the minutes of the following meetings:
 - A. Silver-Smith moved approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of 9/6/2022. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- B. Silver-Smith moved approval of the minutes of the special meeting of 9/8/2022. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - C. Silver-Smith moved approval of the minutes of the special meeting of 9/10/2022. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - D. Silver-Smith moved approval of the special meeting of 9/12/2022. Falletti seconded the motion. Following brief discussion regarding a motion regarding an unnoticed item on the agenda, Falletti called the question. Voting yes on the motion were Falletti and Silver-Smith. Phillips abstained as he did not attend the meeting.
6. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees, Departments
7. Old Business
- A. Discuss reopening strategies – Town facilities – update relating to the holding of board and commission meetings
 - B. Ashford Advisory School Building Committee
 - C. COVID update
 - D. Update status of after school childcare program as proposed by the Recreation Commission: No update has been received from the Recreation Commission. Falletti reported that he is still investigating program pricing and collecting information from other programs. He feels that the biggest challenge will be finding reliable, affordable staffing
 - E. Street lighting: Falletti anticipates a meeting with Eversource toward the end of the week and will inquire about the status of our street lighting request.
 - F. American Rescue Plan: Potentials for project funding. The BOS will consider proposals for the next ARPA funding authorization by town meeting. They hope to include funding for a salary settlement and funding of specific family day programs.
 - G. Tremko House Review Committee: No word has been received from Mr. Hurd. Silver-Smith suggested that a final firm date for submission of the Tremko House phasing plan be forwarded to Mr. Hurd.
 - H. Revisit review petty cash policy adopted by BOS on December 5, 2016. Considered previously on the agenda.
 - I. Revisit employee insurance incentive program: Falletti will follow up with Town Counsel.
 - J. Cadlerock property
 - Application status update: As reported earlier, the Round 16 remediation application is due 9/23/2022
 - Consideration of hunting ban on Cadlerock property: Silver-Smith moved posting of notices to ban hunting on the Cadlerock property within the Town of Ashford citing public safety concerns. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - K. Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda of acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of Kara Fishman from the Ashford Assessor position. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved acceptance of the resignation of Kara Fishman as Ashford's Assessor and thanked her, on behalf of the BOS, for her many years of service to the town. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
8. New Business
- A. Board/Commission/Committee appointments
 - Recreation Commission: Fill vacant seat created by the resignation of Sandra Moquin. The term associated with Ms. Moquin's seat expires 4/1/2026. Alternate member seat – term to expire 4/1/2022.
 - Economic Development Commission:
 - Appointment to fill vacant seat created by the death of Gary Lawrence – term to expire February 2025.

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- Appointment to fill vacant seat created by the resignation of Richard Williams – term to expire February 2025.
- Commission on Aging: Fill vacant seat created by the resignation of Elaine Wilmes-Pandolfo. The term associated with Ms. Wilmes-Pandolfo’s seat expires 6/30/2023.
- Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission: Fill vacant regular member seat created by the resignation of Ray Fenn. The term associated with Mr. Fenn’s seat expires 6/1/2023. The members of the BS expressed their appreciation for Mr. Fenn;s service to the town in his capacity as a member of the IWWC.

B. Tax Refunds None

C. Remarks for the good – Reminder the Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2022

D. Items for next BOS meeting

10. Adjournment at 7:39 p.m.

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Monday, September 19, 2022 7:00 p.m.

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