

Town of Ashford

Established 1714

**REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.
ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES
To be held in person and via ZOOM**

MINUTES

1. Call to order at 9:03 a.m.
2. Members present: Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith
Guests: Sherri Mutch, Karen Zulick, Paul Varga, McCue
3. Hear from the public:
 - Sherri Mutch and Mike D'Amato presented a draft RFP for website services Which they tentatively like to post for 11/20 through 12/18. Ask BOS to respond with comments by Monday 11/20/2023. Silver-Smith asked whether RFP requires content transfer from present website to new website.
 - Paul Varga advised the Board of receipt of defibrillator funding from the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. Varga suggests that the Board consider application of approved ARPA funding for the provision of defibrillators for Knowlton Hall, TOB, Senior Center in an effort to become a Heart Smart Community
4. First Selectman's briefing
5. Acceptance of the minutes of Regular Meetings of 10/31/2023 and 11/6/2023 – hold to next meeting
6. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
7. Old Business
 - A. Ashford School Roof Replacement projects update: Confirmed with the Ashford School Superintendent that the School Construction Grant application has been filed.
 - B. Ratification of 2023-2026 AFSCME contract: No action

Silver-Smith moved that the BOS add an Executive Session to discuss personnel and conduct Custodian/Transfer Station/DPW interviews. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved the BOS into Executive Session at 9:19 a.m. The BOS exited Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. Present during Executive Session were Falletti, Phillips, Silver-Smith and Casey McCue.

8. New Business
 - A. Board and Commission Appointments
 - Conservation Commission – 1 Alternate Member vacancy term of which expires 11/21/2023
 - Ashford Housing Authority – 2 vacancies: one of which would expire 1/1/2028 and one to expire 1/1/2024
 - Eastern Highlands Health District Board of Directors – appointment of municipal representative
 - Economic Development Commission – 1 Regular Member vacancy that expires in February of 2025

- Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission – fill 1 Regular Member vacant seat the term of which expires 6/01/2025; 1 vacant Alternate Member seats terms of which expire 6/01/2027.
 - Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 Alternate Member seat term of which expires 11/05/2025
 - Our Town Our Future Core Committee - Reappointments of Ray Fenn, Maureen Hanink, Richard Williams, Gwen Haaland, Margaret Chatey, Mike Gantick to serve to 11/2025. Appointment of Nora Galvin to serve a full term on the OTOF Core Committee
 - Based upon a recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission, Silver-Smith moved addition to the agenda of the appointment of Alex Hastillo (U) to fill a vacant alternate seat to serve to the next municipal election. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Silver-Smith moved the appointment of Alex Hastillo to fill a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission to serve until the next municipal election. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- B. Tax refunds: None
- C. Evaluation and review of Public Works Director position: Marking the end of a 90-day probationary period, Silver-Smith moved formalization of the appointment of Casey McCue to serve in the position of Director of Ashford Public Works. Phillips seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- D. Interview candidates, discuss and act on appointment of Transfer Station/DPW/Custodian based upon rankings received from the selection committee: Based upon interviews conducted earlier, Phillips moved the appointment of Hadley Lovell to the position of Custodian/Transfer Station/DPW employee at an hourly rate of \$24.92 adjusted to reflect the 90%, 90-day probationary clause in the AFSCME contract. Silver-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously. A start date has not yet been determined.
- E. Discuss and act upon formulation of 2024 BOS meeting calendar
- F. Agenda items for upcoming BOS meetings
- Consideration of KMH contracted cleaning services
- G. Adjournment at 11:39

Christine K. Abikoff

Ashford Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 9:00 a.m.

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