

**ASHFORD BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
June 9, 2011
7:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Cathryn Silver-Smith (Chairperson), Merrill Simpson, Deanna Soja, Paul Canavan, Ralph Fletcher (First Selectman, Ex-officio), Francine Hodovan (Recording Secretary).

Guests: Linda Gagne, Ashford Tax Collector; Susan Eastwood, Tax Payer.

1. **Call to Order:** Ms. Silver-Smith called the meeting of the Ashford Board of Finance to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** None.
3. **Approve Meeting Minutes of Regular Meetings of March 31, 2011 and May 25, 2011, and Special Meeting of April 12, 2011:**

MR. CANAVAN MOVED AND MS. SOJA SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE HELD ON MARCH 31, 2011 AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

MR. SIMPSON MOVED AND MS. SOJA SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE HELD ON MAY 25, 2011 AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

Mr. Horn was seated at 7:03 p.m.

MR. SIMPSON MOVED AND MR. HORN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE HELD ON APRIL 12, 2011 AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY, EXCEPT FOR MS. SOJA WHO ABSTAINED.

Mr. Paticchio was seated at 7:04 p.m.

4. **Hear From Public:**
Ms. Gagne stated that 97.76% of taxes and fees were collected for the current fiscal year. She noted that this puts the Town of Ashford \$7,000 in the black.
5. **Communications:** None.
6. **Old Business:** None.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. **Selectman's Update:**
Selectman Fletcher noted that the CT Congressional session closed June 8 and that the last date to ratify the union contracts is June 24, 2011. Mr. Simpson noted that no rest areas in CT will be closed.
 - b. **Set Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Mil Rate:**

MR. HORN MOVED AND MS. SOJA SECONDED A MOTION TO SET THE MIL RATE AT 25.60 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY EXCEPT FOR MR. CANAVAN WHO OPPOSED.

8. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**
 - Annual Report

9. Remarks for the Good of the Board:

Ms. Silver-Smith thanked everyone for their help during this budget cycle.

10. Adjournment:

MR. HORN MOVED AND MR. CANAVAN SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASHFORD BOARD OF FINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathryn Silver-Smith for BOF Clerk