

Town of Ashford

Established 1714

REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011 7:00 P.M. ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Members present: Fletcher, Falletti, Zambo
Guests: Cheryl Bowen, Cheryl LaFlamme-Miller, Joe Gagne, Linda Gagne, Butch Simpson, Kay Warren, Joan Bowley, Jane Martin
3. Hear from the public
 - Ashford resident Joan Bowley presented the BOS with a memo detailing her objections to the procedures followed during the Special BOS meeting of 8/8/2011. A copy of Mrs. Bowley's memo is attached for the record.
4. First Selectman's briefing attached. Item B should reflect the fact that Kay Warren reported that she has cancelled the remainder of trips scheduled to go to Foxwoods Casino under Ashford's regional transportation grant.
5. Acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of 8/1/2011 and Special Meeting of 8/8/2011.
 - Falletti moved acceptance of the minutes of 8/1/2011. Zambo seconded the motion which passed.
 - Falletti moved acceptance of the minutes of Special Meeting of 8/8/2011 amended to reflect the fact that the BOS exited Executive Session and that a formal motion to adjourn the meeting should have been made. Zambo seconded the motion. All members of the BOS agreed that the Special BOS Meeting and Executive Session of 8/8/2011 were legally warned and held. Voting for the motion were Falletti and Zambo. Fletcher abstained.
6. Old Business
 - a. Report of the tax collector on remote capture system: Tax Collector Gagne presented the BOS with her report concerning the remote capture check system installed in her office in February of 2011. Mrs. Gagne's report discusses the system learning process and summarizes the processing protocols established in the tax office. Mrs. Gagne stated that she still has concerns regarding electronic bank transfer notifications, posting of tax payments derived from those electronic transfers and document retention in relation to processed checks. Mrs. LaFlamme-Miller will request a letter concerning check destruction procedures from Putnam Bank. Mrs. LaFlamme-Miller will continue to work with the Tax Collector regarding bank transfer notifications.
 - b. Banking procedures/Treasurer's report
7. New Business
 - a. Committee/Commission appointments

- i. Economic Development Commission – 1 regular member vacancies (term to expire 2/2/2015);
 - ii. Board of Assessment Appeals – 1 alternate member (term to expire 1/2011);
 - iii. Recreation Commission – alternate member vacancy that would expire in 2016
 - iv. Commission on Aging –Letters of interest from Teresa Galipeau and Deanna Clark, Marion Kerr, Irma Stoll. Commission will present recommendations to fill two vacancies at a future meeting.
 - b. Tax refunds: Zambo moved approval of tax refunds citing CGS Sec. 12-129 to Sherri L. Mutch in the amount of \$8.99 and Gabriel Schneck in the amount of \$55.04. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
 - c. AVFD/ET 220 tank replacement: Fletcher advised the BOS of the rupture of the water tank on the 1991 ET220 and the fact that the manufacturer, KME, will replace said tank at no charge. The truck will be repaired in the KME factory in Pennsylvania sometime after Labor Day. It is estimated that the truck will be out of service for two weeks.
 - d. AVFD tax abatements for grand list 10/1/2011: Falletti moved approval of abatement of taxes for eligible AVFD personnel for the October 1, 2011 grand list. Abatements total \$20,250. Zambo seconded the motion which passed.
8. Remarks for the good of the board
 9. Adjournment