

**ASHFORD BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2012  
7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Cathryn Silver-Smith (Chairperson), Charles Funk, Merrill Simpson, Paul Canavan, Eugenie Bagley (alt.), Glen Nemeroff (alt.) and Francine Hodovan, (Recording Secretary).

**Guest:** Ashford Tax Collector: Linda Gagne.

1. **Call to Order:** Ms. Silver-Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** E. Bagley was seated for J. Cercena and Glen Nemeroff was seated for Susan Eastwood.
3. **Thomas Lackman:**

Ms. Silver-Smith announced that Mr. Lackman, BOF alternate, passed away one week ago, on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. Ms. Silver-Smith remembered Mr. Lackman as a man who took great pride in his wife and family. She stated that there was always a “nugget of gold” in everything he challenged in his role on the board. Mr. Simpson stated that he’d known Mr. Lackman since Mr. Simpson was 14 years old, and that Mr. Lackman never expected anything in return for the things that he did for the Town and did want any credit given to him. Mr. Simpson stated that Mr. Lackman made Ashford a better place to live. Ms. Gagne commented on Mr. Lackman’s critical role in the expansion of the Town Garage for use in maintaining Ashford School buses and that he will be missed.
4. **Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 29, 2012:**

**MS. SIMPSON MOVED AND MR. NEMEROFF SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 29, 2012 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY EXCEPT FOR MR. CAVANAN WHO ABSTAINED.**

Under 7b. paragraph 6: The spelling of Mr. Nemeroff’s name should be corrected to have two “f’s.”  
At the end of the minutes: It should read “Respectfully submitted,” not “Respectively submitted.”

**Approve Minutes of Special Meeting of April 10, 2012:**  
**MS. SIMPSON MOVED AND MR. NEMEROFF SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2012. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.**

5. **Hear From Public:** None.
6. **Communications:**

Ms. Silver-Smith was finally able to reach the Auditor regarding the letter requiring signature that sent to the Finance Department at the Town Hall instead of to the BOF. A new letter is being sent to Ms. Silver-Smith from the Auditor.

Ms. Silver-Smith received an email from Don Wesson, BOE Chairman, thanking the BOF for their help and support given during the budget process. He suggested that he, Selectman Fletcher, Superintendent Longo and Ms. Silver-Smith meet to discuss ways that the Town, the BOF and the BOE can work together to get through these difficult times. Ms. Silver-Smith will contact Mr. Wesson to set up the meeting.
7. **Old Business:** None.
8. **New Business:**
  - a. **Approval of Taxes for Transfer to Suspense per CGS 12-165.**

Linda Gagne, Ashford Tax Collector, provided and reviewed a detailed account of taxes for all properties and motor vehicles deemed uncollectible. The owners are deceased.

**G. NEMEROFF MOVED AND C. FUNK SECONDED A MOTION TO TRANSFER TO THE SUSPENSE ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS, WHICH ARE DEEMED TO BE UNCOLLECTIBLE PER CGS SECTION 12-165 AS OF APRIL 26, 2012: TWENTY-TWO REAL ESTATE ACCOUNTS TALLING \$8,243.31 AFTER THE 9/2011 TAX SALE AND THIRTY-SEVEN MOTOR VEHICLE ACCOUNTS TALLING \$5,302.66 FOR A TOTAL OF \$13,545.97. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.**

**b. Selectman's Update:** Deferred to next meeting.

**9. Agenda Items for Next Regular BOF Meeting:**

Items for further discussion of 2012-2013 budget, if necessary.  
Set mil rate.

**10. Remarks for the Good of the Board:** None.

**11. Adjournment:**

**MR. NEMEROFF MOVED AND MS. BAGLEY SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 26, 2012 REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASHFORD BOARD OF FINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.**

The Regular Meeting of the Ashford Board of Finance of April 26, 2012 was formally adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathryn Silver-Smith (Chair) for BOF Clerk