

Town of Ashford

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REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015, 7:00 P.M. ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:00 pm
2. Members present: Zambo, Falletti, Fletcher
Guests: Linda Gagne, Joan Bowley, John Regan, Kay Warren, Linda Gardner, Barbara Metsack
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's Briefing
 - Senior Center Program Coordinator Interview Panel has selected five candidates to interview. Interviews will be held on June 16 and June 18.
 - AP/Payroll Clerk interviews were held last week. A candidate was selected but refused the position. The interview panel recommends re-advertising this position.
 - The Town of Ashford received an "Exceptional Property Management" award from CIRMA for having incurred no property losses over the past six years.
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees:
 - Linda Gagne reported that one property appearing on the tax sale list (located on Frontage Road) has paid the tax amount due. All other properties on the sale list remain.
6. Fletcher moved acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of 6/1/2015. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
 - a. 300th Anniversary Committee report: No report at this time.
 - b. Policies and Procedures Manual: Ms. Barber is still working on this project.
 - c. Tremko House lease expiration/Ashford Historical Society: Mrs. Bowley, President of the Ashford Historical Society, Inc. thanked the BOS for inviting the Society's Board of directors to their meeting to discuss the status of the Tremko House project. Both parties are pleased with the outcome of Phase I (exterior renovation) of this project. Mrs. Bowley relayed information regarding upcoming grant possibilities, including one through the Department of Economic and Community Development, State Historic Preservation Office matching grant in the amount of \$200,000. This is a reimbursable grant with a town match in the amount of \$100,000. At this time grant availability is uncertain pending passage of the state budget. Fletcher and Falletti raised the question of timing for a public hearing, presentation to the Board of Finance, and scheduling of a special town meeting in relation to the grant application deadline.

The condition of the Ashford Academy was discussed. The BOS was informed that there was an infestation of powder post beetles and a continuing problem

with mold buildup. Ms. Gardner reported that Willington Pest Control was called in to assess the beetle damage. Mrs. Bowley informed the BOS that the price of an exhaust fan was in their budget. Mrs. Bowley will contact Gagne Electric for a price to install an exhaust fan.

8. New Business

a. Committee/Commission appointments

- Eastern Highlands Health District Alternate
- Board of Assessment Appeals – fill alternate vacancy to 11/2015
- Senior Center Advisory Board: appointment to fill vacancy created by resignation of Russell Kennedy
- Economic Development Commission – Based upon a recommendation received from the EDC, Falletti moved the appointment of Kari Olson to fill an alternate vacancy on the EDC with a term to expire 2/00/2020. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
- Planning & Zoning Commission – appointment of alternate member to fill vacancy until November 2015 municipal election
- Commission on Aging – Fletcher moved the reappointment of Beverly Pepin, Gay Leedie, and Ruth Green to the Commission on Aging to serve to 6/30/2017. Falletti seconded the motion which passed. The BOS was informed that Margaret Pastrynek has resigned from the commission so there is one vacancy.
- Agriculture Commission – Falletti moved the reappointment of Dan Zaicek, John Alapi, Butch Simpson (Alternate), and Loretta Wrobel (Alternate) to serve to 3/15/2018. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
- Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission – Reappoint to 6/2019: Fletcher moved the reappointment of Jack Barclay, Rick Zulick, David Rechel, and Ray Fenn to serve to 6/2019. Falletti seconded the motion which passed. The Chairman of the Commission requested that the BOS not reappointment to two Alternate members based upon non-attendance at IWWC meetings. The IWWC will forward appointment recommendations.
- Tree Warden – Falletti moved the reappoint Jim Campiformio to one-year term (6/30/2016). Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
- Treasurer – Fletcher moved the reappointment of Cheryl Baker to the position of Treasurer for a 2-year term to expire 6/30/2017. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.

b. Fletcher moved the appointment of Michael L. Gardner to the position of Emergency Management Director effective immediately. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.

c. Fire Department tax abatement: processing options

d. Plan of Conservation & Development – Zambo reported that the 8/17 target date for Ashford's POCD is likely.

9. Remarks for the good.....

- Congratulations to Gram and Gramp Gagne on the birth of Juliette Rose Jasmin.

10. Adjournment