

# Town of Ashford

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## REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, 7:00 P.M. ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:00 pm
2. Members present: Zambo, Falletti, Fletcher
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's Briefing
  - Work on the Westford Hill road bridge has been completed by Ashford DPW
  - The new fire truck is completed and will be inspected on September 20, 2015 by Wayne Fletcher, Chief of the AVFD and David Thibault, DPW Mechanic.
  - An agreement for provision of paramedic services between the Ashford Volunteer Fire Department, the Town of Ashford and Windham Community Memorial Hospital has been reached.
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees:
  - Ray Fenn, representing the EDC, reported that the area around the former A-1 gas station, located at the intersection of Routes 44 and 74, has been cleaned up by volunteers in preparation for the application of a mural on the building.
  - Ashford Tax Collector, Linda Gagne, reported that there are still issues with the check scanner.
  - Ashford Tax Collector, Linda Gagne reported that she will schedule a tax sale for Wednesday, December 2, 2015 in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the TOB.
  - Bill Darcy, representing the EDC, reported that he has been in contact with the DEEP regarding the towns' request to lift a consent order on the Cadlerock property. Darcy relayed that he was informed that the Selectmen could expect to receive a response to their letter of August 1, 2015 shortly. Darcy also reported that he has been in contact with our legislative reps who have assured him of their assistance with the DEEP if needed.
6. Fletcher moved acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of 8/3/2015. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
  - a. 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee report: Falletti reported that the committee is still collecting photographs for use in a 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary book. Members of the Committee plan to review photos taken over the years by Bill Karosi.
  - b. Policies and Procedures Manual
  - c. Tremko House lease - Ashford Historical Society: The State has announced that there will be no Fall 2015 grant funding for historic preservation.
8. New Business
  - a. Committee/Commission appointments
    - Eastern Highlands Health District Alternate
    - Board of Assessment Appeals – fill alternate vacancy to 11/2015

- o Senior Center Advisory Board: appointment to fill vacancy created by resignation of Russell Kennedy
  - o Planning & Zoning Commission – appointment of alternate member to fill vacancy until November 2015 municipal election. Fletcher moved the appointments of Tim Moran and Bruce DePercio to fill Alternate Seat vacancies on the Planning and Zoning Commission until the municipal election of November 2015. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
  - o Commission on Aging – Fill one remaining vacancy to 6/30/2017
- b. Fletcher moved approval of the following tax refunds citing CGS 12-129: Frederick Lankford in the amount of \$27.49, Sara Dingler in the amount of \$40.84, JP Morgan Chase Bank NA in the amount of \$414.43, Martin Gratton in the amount of \$14.30, Jason Demers in the amount of \$52.25, Joseph Deslauries in the amount of \$52.90. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
- c. Based upon the recommendation from the Ashford School Bus Mechanic and Ashford Board of Education, Falletti moved award of the 2016 school bus bid to School Lines, Inc. Total price of this bid is \$82,751.00. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
- d. Assessor position: Zambo reported on the two Assessor candidate interviews held on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Following consideration by the interview committee (Lynn Byberg, Linda Gagne and Mike Zambo) Fletcher moved that the position of Ashford Assessor be offered to Kara Fishman. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
- e. Falletti moved approval of the AVFD Tax Abatements for Grand List, October 2015 as submitted by the President and Chief of the AVFD. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
- f. Plan of Conservation & Development – Darcy reported that the completion time has been extended. The POCD committee still has to meet with the BOE. Their plan document review will pick up with the agriculture section at the POCD meeting scheduled for September 9, 2015.
9. Remarks for the good.....
- Procurement of a cash register for the Senior Center
  - Dan Zaicek intends to apply for one of the State’s Farmland Preservation programs
  - Zambo thanked Linda Gagne for serving on the Assessor interview committee.
10. Adjournment