

# Town of Ashford

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## REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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
  - We anticipate OPM announcing another round of 2015 STEAP grants
  - The regional revaluation program has been delayed. A new RFP will be issued by NECCOG
  - Reimbursement in the amount of \$23,295.47 for the January 2015 blizzard has been received from FEMA
  - Kara Fishman has accepted the position of Assessor for the Town of Ashford
  - Reminder that the Senior Center Open House/Meet the Director event is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 to 5
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees:
6. Falletti moved acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of 9/8/2015. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
  - a. 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Falletti reported that the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee has met and is shooting for publication of their commemorative book in October 2016.
  - b. Policies and Procedures Manual – No update
  - c. Tremko House lease - Ashford Historical Society – No update
  - d. Review and approval of Emergency Medical Services Plan: The Town's Local Emergency Medical Services Plan, prepared by the AVFD, was reviewed by members of the BOS and will be signed by the First Selectman.
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
    - Planning & Zoning Commission – Based upon a recommendation received from the chairman of the PZC, Falletti moved the appointment of Douglas Jenne to fill a vacant Alternate Member seat on the PZC until the November 2015 Municipal election. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
    - Commission on Aging – Based upon a recommendation received from the Chairman of the Commission on Aging, Fletcher moved the appointment

of Elaine Bissonnette to fill a vacancy to 6/30/2017. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.

- b. Tax refunds: Fletcher moved approval of a tax refund in the amount of \$146.02 to Lance Nye citing CGS 12-129. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
  - c. Fletcher moved ratification of Natchaug River Young Marines Proclamation recognizing Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31, 2015. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
  - d. Fletcher moved ratification of Eastern Regional Mental Health Board's Mental Health Illness Awareness Week proclamation, October 4-10, 2015. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
  - e. Falletti moved the granting of a Dairy Farm Abatement to Thomas E. Knowlton and the granting of an Orchard Abatement to Matthew Couzens, Sr. applicable to the Grand List, October 2015. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
  - f. The BOS discussed documentation received from the Agriculture Commission regarding the passage of an ordinance to exempt horses and ponies from taxation in accordance with Public Act 14-33. It was agreed by the BOS that once an ordinance was formulated and reviewed by Town Counsel, the BOS would recommend same to Town Meeting for enactment.
  - g. Plan of Conservation & Development – update per statute – no report
9. Remarks for the good.....
- Zambo shared material received from Chuck Atkins, Ashford's MidNeroc representative, regarding fiber collection boxes which can be placed at the Transfer Station and from which revenues can be derived.
  - All agree that the comments received regarding Sheila Grady, Senior Center Program Coordinator, have been positive.
  - All agree that comments received regarding Sherry McGann, Ashford's EHHD representative, have been positive.
  - Issues regarding a Westford Hill Road resident are ongoing. Town Counsel has been consulted and is working on a remedy.
  - Installation and training on the newly contracted Land Use Department software is imminent.

10. Adjournment