

Town of Ashford

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REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015, 7:00 P.M. ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:00 pm
2. Members present: Zambo, Falletti, Fletcher
Guests: Bill Darcy, Richard Williams, Linda Gagne, Kara Fishman
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's Briefing
 - Ashford's allocation of state PILOT money for this year has been rescinded by the Office of Policy and Management (\$5,814.00)
 - The Town of Woodstock will be participating in the NECCOG's regional engineering program. The addition of another participating town will lower Ashford's participation assessment by approximately \$2,500.
 - The final round of STEAP grant awards was announced last week. Ashford was not awarded funding for any of our 2015 applications
 - The Town and Ashford School will be participating in a state-wide emergency exercise on Wednesday, October 21 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.
 - We have received a proposed semi-annual preventative maintenance contract for the TOB air handlers from Nutmeg Mechanical Services
 - On Thursday, October 15th we performed a final inspection and accepted delivery of the new fire truck (ET 120).
 - Reminder that town offices and the Transfer Station will be closed for Veteran's Day on Wednesday, November 11th.
 - All members of the BOS agreed that for the Thanksgiving holiday town offices would close at 3:00 pm and there would be no evening hours on Wednesday, November 25th and a reminder that town offices will be closed on Friday, November 27th. As has been done in the past, the Transfer Station will remain open until 8:00 pm on Thanksgiving eve.
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees:
 - OTOF will hold a stakeholders meeting in Knowlton Hall on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 pm
6. Fletcher moved acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of 9/22/2015. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
 - a. 300th Anniversary Committee report: Falletti reported that the Committee is still working on gathering pictures for the anniversary book. Falletti questioned the whereabouts of an oral history project centering on Royal Knowlton.
 - b. Policies and Procedures Manual: Zambo reported that Maureen Barber will provide an update for the next BOS meeting.

- c. Tremko House lease - Ashford Historical Society. Since no 2015 STEAP grant was awarded for the proposed Tremko House project, the BOS intends to move forward with its deliberations concerning the Tremko House lease.
 - d. Cadlerock property- DEEP. In response to the DEEP's answer to the Board of Selectmen's letter of August 7, 2015, representatives of the EDC (Williams and Darcy) propose that following review of the file by Town Counsel, the BOS submit a more detailed letter (to be drafted by Darcy) to the DEEP requesting the lifting of a 1998 consent order on the Cadlerock property.
8. New Business
- a. Committee/Commission appointments
 - o Eastern Highlands Health District Alternate
 - o 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 Conservation Commission – Based upon a recommendation from the Conservation Commission, Fletcher moved the reappoints of Celeste Estevez, Gwen Haaland, Marian Matthews, Steve Morytko and Loretta Wrobel to 2-year terms to expire November of 2017. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
 - b. Falletti moved the following tax refunds citing CGS 12-129: Hyundai Lease Titling in the amount of \$276.35 and Eric or Jennifer Lee in the amount of \$816.10. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
 - c. Fletcher moved ratification of 2015 State Homeland Security Grant Program, Region 4 Memorandum of Agreement. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
 - d. Discuss issue of 2016 Transfer Station stickers. Following discussion, it was decided that a letter will be sent to the Transfer Station Committee asking for their input on the length of time Transfer Station stickers should be issued for.
 - e. Falletti moved ratification of an agreement for the joint partnership of the Farmland Preservation Program and the Community Farms Preservation Program between the State of Connecticut, Department of Agriculture and the Town of Ashford. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
 - f. Fletcher moved that the BOS's Public Hearing on POCD and comment on a proposed ordinance exempting all horses and ponies from personal property taxes be scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Knowlton Hall for Monday, November 16, 2015. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
 - g. Fletcher moved that the BOS schedule a Special Town Meeting in Knowlton Memorial Hall on Monday, November 16, 2015 following its Public Hearing to act on acceptance of an ordinance exempting horses and ponies of any value from property taxation in accordance with Section 1 of PA 14-33. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
 - h. Fallett moved approval of the sale of Ashford School buses #6 and #4 and that these buses be housed at the Ashford Transfer Station until the price of scrap metal rises. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
 - i. Plan of Conservation & Development – update per statute
9. Remarks for the good.....
10. Adjournment