

Town of Ashford

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

1. Call to order at 7:00 pm
2. Members present: Zambo, Falletti, Fletcher
Guests: Kay Warren, Joan Bowley, Linda Gagne, Richard Deszo, Barbara Metsack, James Reviczky
3. Hear from the public
 - Kay Warren asked for clarification of information obtained from the DOT regarding the placement of speed limit signs proximate to the Ashford School noting that the state has placed school zone signs without posting speed limit signs. Zambo explained that it is a violation of State and Federal DOT regulation to place actual speed limit signs in conjunction with school zone signs. The school zone sign implies a 25 mph speed limit.
 - Joan Bowley, requested that the BOS consider including a capital expenditure line item in an amount ranging from \$100,000 to \$200,000 in the 2016-2017 town budget for interior renovation of the Tremko House. She stated that the society will cancel their liability policy on the Tremko House property and will accept nullification of the lease with the understanding that if funding for renovation becomes available, the Town will enter into a new lease with the Historical society. Mrs. Bowley also requested that once interior renovation is completed, the Historical Society be allowed to utilize the second floor of the Tremko House for office space. Mrs. Bowley noted that the budget department title "Ashford Historical Society" should be changed to "Historical Building Repair" in order to better reflect the application of town funding.
 - Jim Reviczky distributed a letter and packet of supporting documentation to the members of the BOS concerning the Cumberland Farms wetlands application.
4. First Selectman's Briefing
 - The Selectmen's Office received Gay Leedie's letter of resignation from the commission on Aging.
 - The "shared" Public Works tractor has been received. It was paid for by Eversource and will be housed in Ashford.
 - The 2015 Blue Bird bus has been delivered.
 - Transfer Station stickers were checked at the Transfer Station this past weekend. 142 vehicles were identified as not having the proper sticker or any sticker at all. Those stopped were instructed to obtain a sticker from the Selectmen's Office.
 - The Tax Collector reported on the success of the 12/2/2015 tax sale.
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees:
6. Fletcher moved acceptance of minutes of Special Meeting of 11/16/2015. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.

7. Old Business

- a. 300th Anniversary Committee report: The committee is continuing to work on the book. Falletti reported that a delegation from the 300th Anniversary Committee visited with Bill Karosi a few weeks prior to his death to review pictures for possible inclusion in the book.
- b. Policies and Procedures Manual: no report

8. New Business

- a. Committee/Commission appointments
 - o Eastern Highlands Health District: Falletti moved appointment of Julieann Satriano as Ashford's alternate Representative to the Health District. This is a three-year term effective from date of appointment. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
 - o Board of Assessment Appeals – fill alternate vacancy to 11/2015
 - o Senior Center Advisory Board: Fletcher moved the appointment of Jennifer Goodwin to the Senior Center Advisory board. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
 - o Conservation Commission
 - o Zoning Board of Appeals – Fletcher moved the appointment of Richard Deszo to an Alternate Member seat on the ZBA (terms to expire 11/2017). Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
- b. Fletcher moved approval of two refunds to Mark and Louise Rivard in the amounts of \$31.66 and \$32.16 citing CGS 12-129. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
- c. Prioritize 2016 STEAP grant application list for submission to OPM. Falletti moved the following 2016 STEAP application priorities: (1) Pumpkin Hill Road reconstruction in the amount of \$250,000, (2) Krapf Road reconstruction in the amount of \$200,000, reconstruction of .72 miles of Lake View Drive and .34 miles of Old Town Road in the amount of \$290,000. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
- d. Falletti moved the setting of Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. for a Public Hearing and special Town Meeting in Knowlton Memorial Hall to discuss and act on a the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to sell lot #39/F/1 (formerly the Moore property) (13 Pompey Road, Ashford, CT). Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
- e. Falletti moved the reappointments of Christine Abikoff as Municipal Animal Control Officer and Tina Binheimer as Assistant Animal Control Officer for the term January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
- f. Fletcher moved award of the bid for the Ashford Senior Center roofing project to LaRoche Builders, LLC in the amount of \$28,894.00. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
- g. Falletti moved addition to the agenda and ratification of the 2015 Northeastern Connecticut Council of governments Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.

9. Remarks for the good.....

- Jim Reviczky presented a brief overview of the information packets previously distributed to the BOS.

- Draft material regarding the Cadlerock property received from Bill Darcy will be forwarded to Halloran and Sage for review and comment.
- In response to a request for Town support against expansion of the Algonquin Natural Gas pipeline, a packet containing several articles on different kinds of fracking were distributed to members of the Board for information.

10. Adjournment