

# Town of Ashford

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## REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016, 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
  - Francine Hodovan requested background information concerning an increase in Senior Center Coordinator hours as reported in the minutes of 1/19/2016
4. First Selectman's Briefing
  - Zambo reported that the Assessor has requested an extension of the filing date for the 2015 Grand List. Zambo has asked that the figures be available to the Selectmen for inclusion in their February 18<sup>th</sup> budget presentation to the Board of Finance.
  - Jean Haines advised the Selectmen that she intends to retire from her position as Municipal Agent for the Elderly.
  - Jim Larkin is scheduled to meet with Michael Gardner, Kara Fishman and the First Selectman regarding NECCOG's GIS currently being used by the Assessor and Land Use
  - OPM has reinstated Ashford's financial accounting system grant. Cheryl Baker has obtained a verbal agreement from OPM.
  - We have been able to sell two of the retired school buses being stored at the Transfer Station for \$600 each.
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees:
6. Fletcher moved acceptance of minutes of Special Meeting of 1/19/2016. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
  - a. 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee report: Progress is being made on the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book. The committee is still looking for pictures to include.
  - b. Policies and Procedures Manual: No update. Maureen will be asked to attend the 2/16 Selectmen's Meeting.
  - c. Cadlerock Property/DEEP: Zambo reminded the members of the BOS of a Special Meeting on February 2, 2016 at the offices of Halloran & Sage.
  - d. OTOF status: Following brief discussion, it was the consensus of the BOS that OTOF continue to act as a subcommittee of the Economic Development Commission.
  - e. Special Town Meeting to elect alternate member to the Board of Finance was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
8. New Business
  - a. Formation of Financial System Committee (suggested membership: 1 from BOE, 1 from BOS, 1 from BOF, 1 from Finance Department): Formation of a study

committee will be discussed at the next BOS meeting. Note that Don Neel has volunteered to serve on that committee as a representative of the Ashford School. Zambo reminded members of the Board that the Finance Office has been able to reactivate the OPM grant which should enable the town to move forward with this project.

- b. Formation of Ashford School Buildings, Grounds, Facilities Committee (Fletcher)
  - c. Committee/Commission appointments
    - o Board of Assessment Appeals – fill alternate vacancy
    - o Zoning Board of Appeals – Falletti moved the appointment of Harry P. Bagley, Jr. to fill an Alternate Member vacancy to 11/2017. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
  - d. Tax refunds
  - e. 2016-2017 budget: Zambo moved the scheduling of a Special Selectmen’s Meeting on Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
  - f. Falletti moved addition to the agenda of completion of a Woodward Cemetery deed. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed. Falletti moved approval of the sale of a Woodward Cemetery lot and completion of the deed thereof. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
9. Remarks for the good.....
- Zambo advised the BOS that he had received a proposal from Gary Zelonka for the sale of his garage property to the town of Ashford.
  - In response to a question regarding the meeting schedule for the Senior Center Advisory Board, Falletti was advised that there is no set schedule at this time as there are no issues to discuss. We will advise the new member of that Board that she may attend the February 16<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting to present any questions that she may have.
  - Falletti requested follow-up information concerning the cleanup status of 103 Seles Road

10. Adjournment