

Town of Ashford

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REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016, 7:00 P.M. ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:00 pm
2. Members present: Zambo, Falletti, Fletcher
Guests: Representative Sam Belsito, State Senator Tony Guglielmo, Jeff Schillinger, Starlean McAllister, Linda Falletti, Jillian Cannon, Susan Eastwood, Jay Hilton, Michael Gardner, Kara Fishman
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's Briefing
 - Floating Clerk, Amy Walker, has resigned to take an Assistant Tax Collector position in the town of Vernon. Amy's last day of work for the Town of Ashford will be March 11th
 - The Pension Committee met with the Towns' Wells Fargo advisors
 - CIRMA payment in the amount of \$51,846.50 received for our dump truck repair claim
 - The retired WRTD bus obtained to tide us over until we received our 5310 program bus has been inspected and will now be registered.
 - The First Selectman will meet with Matthews Bus on March 15th to review specifications for the 5310 program bus
 - The 2008 STEAP grant has been closed with the town receiving a reimbursement in the amount of \$36,770
 - The Town Clerk's office will be acquiring a HP Designjet scanner, copier and printer.
 - The first round of STEAP awards was announced on February 26th. Ashford was not awarded in the first award round
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees:
6. Falletti moved acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of 2/16/2016 and special Meeting of 2/17/2016. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
 - a. 300th Anniversary Committee report: The Committee is still expecting publication of the 300th Anniversary book in October of 2016.
 - b. Policies and Procedures Manual: no report
 - c. Cadlerock Property/DEEP
8. New Business
 - a. Guests to discuss status of legislation aimed at locally owned residences found to have deteriorating foundations: Senator Guglielmo and Representative Belsito attended this meeting to discuss deteriorating foundation issues being experienced and to share available legislative information concerning the problem. Guglielmo reported that CCM, CT Council of Small Towns and State of Connecticut

departments including, Insurance, Banking, the Attorney General, and Consumer Protection are involved with the foundation issue on some level. Guglielmo also reported that Representative Joe Courtney is attempting to obtain assistance for the affected homeowners through FEMA. Ashford residents attending the meeting requesting the Ashford Board of Selectmen and our elected representatives to continue to assist them in recovering from their catastrophic loss.

- b. Ratification of Letter of Commitment for the Municipal Bench Marking:
Technical Assistance Initiative: No action taken at this meeting
 - c. Report of Financial System Committee
 - d. Committee/Commission appointments
 - o Board of Assessment Appeals – fill alternate vacancy
 - e. Falletti moved approval of the following tax refunds citing CGS 12-129: Laurie A. Smith in the amount of \$6.00, Darrell and Linda Chalout in the amount of \$1,425.61, Erica Kallio-Burns in the amount of \$20.19. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
 - f. 2016-2017 budget
9. Remarks for the good.....
- The Selectmen reviewed an article submitted by the President of the Ashford Historical Society for the April edition of the Ashford Citizen regarding the status of rehabilitation of the Tremko House.
 - Reminder that we will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. in the Lower Level Meeting Room on Monday, March 21 concerning Ashford's 2016 Small Cities Food Bank Grant application
 - The 1996 Ford E350 senior bus and a 1994 International 7400 dump truck will be advertised for sale in the April edition of the Ashford Citizen
10. Adjournment