

Town of Ashford

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REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, MAY 2, 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
4. First Selectman's Briefing
 - The new commanding officer at Troop C is Lt. Alexander Rios
 - The ramp side doors of Knowlton Memorial Hall will be replaced within three to four weeks
 - The Ashford Historical Society has requested that the Board of Selectmen consider applying for a matching historic restoration grant to begin work on the Tremko House interior
 - Sale of the 1996 senior bus and the 1994 dump truck is being put on hold in order to reevaluate their use to the town
 - The sidewalk lighting project in Pompey Hollow Park is progressing
 - Reminder that the 2016-2017 budget referendum is tomorrow, May 3 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Knowlton Memorial Hall.
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees:
6. Falletti moved acceptance of minutes of Special Meeting of 4/6/2016. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
 - a. 300th Anniversary Committee report: Still working on the book
 - b. Policies and Procedures Manual: The Board discussed issues relating to completion of a Policy & Procedures Manual and work relating to the upcoming June 2016 audit preparation. With agreement from the BOS, Zambo will again attempt to contact Ms. Barber by phone regarding pending work product. If he receives no response, a registered, return receipt letter will be mailed to Ms. Barber in hopes of receiving a reply.
8. New Business
 - a. Report of Financial System Committee: Zambo reported that the Committee has visited two sites which utilize two different systems. They plan to visit other sites and preview other systems in the near future.
 - b. Fletcher moved approval of Housing Rehabilitation subordination request (2005-08) as recommended by Peter Huckins, Small Cities Program Coordinator. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
 - c. Committee/Commission appointments
 - Board of Assessment Appeals – fill alternate vacancy
 - Conservation Commission - fill vacancy (to 11/2017) (Eric Parent)
 - Eastern Highlands Health District – appointment of alternate rep

- d. Tax refunds
 - e. Falletti moved approval of use of town roads for Angel Ride 2016. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
 - f. Fletcher moved that the Ashford Housing Authority be granted a fixed rate PILOT payment in the amount of \$10,000 for the budget years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018. Falletti seconded the motion which passed. The fixed rate PILOT will be reevaluated during the 2018-2019 budget cycle.
 - g. Fletcher moved ratification of letter of commitment for Eversource Municipal Bench Marking Technical Assistance Program. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
9. Remarks for the good.....
- Memorial Day is coming up. Any suggestions would be helpful.
 - Zambo informed the BOS that he will obtain estimates for exterior painting of the Ashford Academy and scraping and painting trim on the Knowlton Hall Windows.
 - Zambo informed the BOS that he has received no response to a letter sent regarding material collecting in a yard on Seles Road.
 - Fletcher suggested that the notice board outside the Tremko House be removed.
 - The BOS briefly discussed the deteriorating foundation issue and actions taken during this legislative session.
 - Zambo reported that he met with the Assessor regarding her article appearing in the May issue of the Ashford Citizen.
10. Adjournment