

Town of Ashford

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REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2016, 7:00 P.M. ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:00 pm
2. Members present: Zambo, Falletti, Fletcher
Guests: Linda Gagne, Mike Gantick, Susan Eastwood, Judy Austin, Jesse Burnham, Angie DeSanto
3. Hear from the public
4. First Selectman's Briefing
 - In response to a policy change within the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner concerning unclaimed human remains originating within each town. The town will be responsible for handling arrangements for the removal of decedents in cases that the OCME does not take and there is no next of kin. I have contacted Potter Funeral Home to discuss this recent announcement by the OCME and anticipate entering into an agreement with them for removal service if the need arises.
 - Ashford has been awarded a \$56,847.34 Small Cities grant to fund the Food Bank program
 - Mahoney Sabol will charge \$135 per hour for additional work, if needed, over the quoted \$1,500 for preparation of Ashford's financial statements.
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees: Linda Gagne will, at a future BOS meeting, report on the status of Invoice Cloud. Ms. Gagne asked that an evaluation of the Tax Collector be included on an upcoming BOS agenda.
6. Fletcher moved acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of 6/20/2016. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
 - a. 300th Anniversary Committee report: The Committee expects to meet within the next few weeks. Work on the Anniversary Book is continuing.
 - b. Policies and Procedures Manual: No communication has been received from Ms. Barber regarding the status of the Policy and Procedures Manual.
 - c. OTOF – proposed mission statement: Mike Gantick, representing the proposed OTOF Core Committee, joined the BOS in discussion concerning the redrafted Core Committee Mission Statement and the Committee's wish to be proactive and be in a position to provide input on upcoming town-related projects. Members of the BOS reiterated their thoughts on the Core Committee being advisory in nature and their wish that the Committee's charge not morph into something more than advisory.
8. New Business
 - a. Report of Financial System Committee: No report
 - b. Committee/Commission appointments

- Board of Assessment Appeals – fill alternate vacancy
 - Eastern Highlands Health District – appointment of alternate rep
 - Tree Warden (1-year appointment): Fletcher moved the appointment of Jim Campiformio to the position of Ashford Tree Warden for a term to expire 6/30/2017. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
- c. Tax refunds
 - d. Municipal Agent for the Elderly: Zambo reported that Sheila Grady will attend an upcoming BOS meeting.
 - e. Ashford School Building Committee – Falletti moved that the following individuals be considered for appointment to the Ashford School 10-Year Capital Plan Committee charged with formulating a comprehensive improvement plan as detailed in an assessment to be performed by Friar Associates: James Rupert, Building Official/ Fire Marshal/Chairman, Ashford Board of Education, Michael Gardner, Ashford Building Official, Mike Mellady, Ashford School Head Custodian, John Talgo, Retired Architect, City of Hartford, Alex Hastillo, Electrician, Justin Ford, Builder/Engineer. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed. Candidates will be contacted to determine their interest in serving on this committee.
 - f. Building Department recommendation re: permit fees for crumbling foundation repairs. Falletti moved that a resolution regarding building permit fee waiver for building permits to repair or replace defective foundations be adopted by the Board of Selectmen and implemented by the Ashford Building Department upon submission of a written evaluation from a professional engineer licensed pursuant to Chapter 391 of the Connecticut General Statutes indicating that the foundation of such building was made with defective concrete. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
 - g. Consideration of proposed ordinance concerning prohibiting the storage, disposal or use of waste oil from oil and gas exploration or extraction activities, or any derivative thereof, in the town of Ashford, CT - tabled
 - h. Fletcher moved addition to the agenda and approval of a request for permission to travel over town roads during the 8th annual Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Challenge Ride on 9/20/2016. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
9. Remarks for the good
 - Falletti would like further discussion concerning possible enactment and enforcement of a blight ordinance.
 10. Adjournment