

**ASHFORD BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
Knowlton Hall,
25 Pompey Hollow Rd, Ashford, CT 06278
May 29, 2018
6:30 p.m.**

Present: Charles Funk (Chairman), Judi Austin (Clerk), Garth Bean, Jesse Burnham, Merrill Simpson, Gail Zaicek, Jesse Burnham (alt.), Angie De Santo (alt) and Carl Pfalzgraf (alt.).

Guests: Ashford Finance Department: Cheryl Baker.
Ashford Board of Selectmen: Mike Zambo and Bill Falletti.
Ashford School: John Lippert, BOE Chairman, James Longo, Superintendent; Lisa Dyer, Business Office Manager.
Ralph Fletcher and Paul Varga.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Funk called the Regular Meeting of the Ashford Board of Finance to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. Seating of Alternates: None.

3. Communications: None.

4. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 10, 2018:

MS. ZAICEK MOVED AND MR. BEAN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2018 REGULAR BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY, EXCEPT FOR MR. SIMPSON WHO ABSTAINED.

Ms. Hodovan, Recording Secretary, arrived at 6:38 p.m.

5. Discuss Funding a FY 17-18 BOE Capital Expense From Non-Lapsing Fund:

MS. AUSTIN MOVED AND MR. BURNHAM SECONDED A MOTION TO MOVE \$4,500 FROM THE BOE NON-LAPSING FUND ACCOUNT INTO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, AND REDUCE THE ASHFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION EXPENDITURES BY THE SAME AMOUNT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECLASSING THE PAYMENT MADE BY THE BOE TO FRIAR ARCHITECTURE DATED MAY 10, 2018 FOR THEIR SERVICES IN WRITING A LONG TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/MASTER PLAN FOR ASHFORD SCHOOL. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

6. Follow up on BOE Request for FY 17-18 Additional Special Education Funding:

Necessary funding for Special Education was discussed. Dr. Longo stated that the BOE had felt they might be short on their budget for Special Ed Funding for the current fiscal year. BOE froze the school budget in December and again in March and they are still under a partial freeze. There has also been an opening for a school psychologist, which has remained opened for a number of months now so it is expected that these 2 items will be enough to make up for any shortfall. The BOE also did not get hit by the State as badly as they had expected.

Ms. Jagodinski arrived at 6:55 p.m.

7. Set the FY 18-19 Mill Rate:

MS. ZAICEK MOVED AND MR. SIMPSON SECONDED A MOTION TO SET THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 MILL RATE ON REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MOTOR VEHICLES AT 34.767 MILLS. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

Mr. Wayne Fletcher, Fire Chief, arrived at 7:03 p.m.

8. Remarks for the Good of the Board: Chairman Funk stated that it would be a great idea to get a letter to the public to let them know that the BOF appreciates their faith in this year's budget and that the mill rate was reduced. All 3 Boards did a great job keeping the budgets down. Ms. Austin stated that the mill rate reflects that the BOF is acting responsibly. Ms. Zaicek appreciated the passing of the anti-rescind legislation that prevents the Governor from taking money away from towns after the State budget has been approved.

9. Adjournment: MS. ZAICEK MOVED AND MS. AUSTIN SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MAY 29, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ASHFORD BOARD OF FINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

The Ashford Board of Finance Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Funk,
Chairman (for BOF Clerk)