

Town of Ashford

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SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012, 7:00 P.M. ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Members present: Fletcher, Falletti, Zambo
Guests: Linda Gagne, Tax Collector
3. Hear from the Public: no members of the public present at this time
4. First Selectman's briefing: attached
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees:
 - Tax Collector Linda Gagne reported on the status of outstanding tax sales
 - Bill Falletti, Co-Chairman of the 300th Anniversary Committee requested that the Board of Selectmen issue a proclamation commemorating October 14, 2014 as the 300th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Ashford.
6. Zambo moved acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of 5/21/2012. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
 - a. Senior Center ad hoc committee recommendations: Zambo reported that he has contacted some members of the Advisory Board who will be unavailable until mid-July. Following discussion of available meeting dates, it is expected that a meeting of the Board can be scheduled for a Saturday July 21st.
 - b. Review evaluation form: Falletti moved that the proposed employee evaluation form be accepted by the Board of Selectmen and presented to Ashford's AFSCME officials for consideration by the union. Zambo seconded the motion which passed.
 - c. Consideration of passage of a resolution supporting passage of a constitutional amendment intended to nullify the Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United v. Federal election Commission: Zambo moved that the Ashford Board of Selectmen endorse the attached resolution copies of which will be forwarded to Federal and State Legislators representing the Town of Ashford. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
8. New Business
 - a. Committee/Commission appointments
 - i. Commission on Aging – Zambo moved the reappoint to two (2) year terms of Connie Clarke, Carole McCarthy, Jean McCarthy. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
 - ii. Economic Development – Fill four (4) Regular Member vacancies terms to expire February 2015. Fill one (1) Alternate Member vacancy term to expire February 2015. Upon the recommendation of the ECD, Falletti

moved that Mike Gantick be appointed to a Regular Member seat on the EDC – term to expire in February of 2015. Zambo seconded the motion which passed.

- iii. Recreation Commission – Zambo moved the reappoint to five (5) year terms of Kim Ayers, Regular Member, Garth Bean as Regular Members – to expire 6/2017. Zambo further moved that Julieanne Drake be reappointed as an Alternate Member – term to expire 6/2015. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
 - iv. Eastern Highlands Health District – Falletti moved the appointment of Ralph Fletcher as Ashford’s representative to EHHD and Michael Zambo as alternate representative to EHHD. Zambo seconded the motion which passed..
 - v. The BOS acknowledged, with regret, the resignation of Sally Demars from the Commission on Aging.
 - vi. Falletti moved reappointment of Michael L. Gardner to the position of Town of Ashford Building Official (per statute this is a 4-year term which will expire 7/1/2016). Zambo seconded the motion which passed.
 - b. Tax refunds: none
 - c. Consideration of transfer of funds within the 2011-2012 DPW budget. Falletti moved recommendation to the Board of Finance of these fund transfers. Zambo seconded the motion which passed.
 - d. Consideration of transfer of funds from the Dog Fund to Animal Control. Falletti moved recommendation to the Board of Finance of this fund transfer. Zambo seconded the motion which passed.
 - e. Consideration of resolution supporting the Central Corridor Rail Coalition. Falletti moved adoption of a resolution supporting reinstatement of passenger rail service along the Brattleboro, Vermont to New London, Connecticut rail line. Zambo seconded the motion which passed. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes.
 - f. Falletti moved authorization of the use of town roads for the 21st annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour fund raiser to be held on Saturday, August 18, 2012. Zambo seconded the motion which passed.
 - g. Zambo moved authorization of the use of town roads for the 29th annual Nipmuck Trail Marathon to be held on Sunday, September 30, 2012. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
9. Remarks for the good of the Board: Fletcher advised the members of the BOS that he has begun the State Marshal certification process. The time spent during the certification process and actual marshal duties should not infringe on the responsibilities of the First Selectman.
10. Adjournment

Briefing 6-11-12

Item A: 2013 STEAP applications / after discussion with J. Kalinowski and AVFD , I would like to submit an application fo 1.) a replacement Engine Tank truck , 2.) grind and repave Lakeview Dr. and 3.) a new salt shed

Item B: Prep work for Hnath Rd. has already started / Grind and repave Scheduled for the end of June. Turnpike Rd. to follow.

Item C: Contractor for Senior Center kitchen renovations has measured and reordered countertops. Installation expected in the next few weeks

Item D: Letter from Jen Lindsay / re: support of Recreation and Youth Service

Item E: Note from Sherry York / donation from Mansfield Lyons Club

Item F: Letter from Ashford Board of Ed. / creation of fund balance

Item G: Region 19 reapportionment committee / referendum to coincide with November election

Item H: Transfer Station compactor was down longer than expected / A meeting will be held with Willimantic Waste to discuss

Item I: Proposal for Services received from Maureen Barber relating to Preparation of financial statements

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, undue reliance upon particular modes of passenger transportation and the neglect of others leads to inefficiencies, delays and wasteful allocation of resources; and

WHEREAS, a modern national passenger train system is an essential element of a truly balanced transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the low level or absence of passenger train service in certain areas of New England (including this municipality) has resulted in an unbalanced transportation system in those areas, contributing to traffic congestion, air pollution, wasteful expenditures, and growth control problems; and

WHEREAS, this municipality is gravely concerned with the disruption to this community caused by the aforesaid traffic congestion, air pollution, wasteful expenditures, and growth control problems; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ashford believe that comprehensive Intermodal transportation planning is necessary to resolve the aforesaid problems and that involvement at the local, state and regional levels is necessary to the preparation and implementation of such planning; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ashford believe that passenger train service is a necessary part of any comprehensive Intermodal transportation system.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ashford in the State of Connecticut that:

1. It is and shall continue to be the policy of the Town of Ashford to support the commencement and/or expansion of passenger train service between Brattleboro, Vermont and New London, Connecticut
2. The Town of Ashford supports the efforts of The Central Corridor Rail Coalition and The Palmer Rail Coalition to achieve the commencement and/or expansion of passenger rail service to the aforesaid areas.

Dated at Ashford, Connecticut this 11th day of June 2012.

Ralph H. Fletcher
First Selectman

Michael J. Zambo
Selectman

William A. Falletti
Selectman