

Town of Ashford Meeting Agenda

SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 13th 2026

Members Present:
Others Present:

A. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting was called to order at the Ashford Community Center at _____ pm by John Pfeffer, Town Supervisor, presiding

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** to the **UNITED STATES FLAG**

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM ACTION:** BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby approves the agenda (and addendum as needed).

Moved by
Seconded by
Vote

D. **PUBLIC EXPRESSION**

K. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request for Letter of Support - Cattaraugus County Comprehensive Plan Update**
2. **TOWN OF ASHFORD
RESOLUTION NO. ____-2026**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WEST VALLEY INN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH NEW YORK STATE CONSOLIDATED FUNDING PROGRAMS UNDER THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the West Valley Inn is an important property located within the Town of Ashford and contributes to the historic character, economic vitality, and future redevelopment potential of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ashford previously applied for and received a portion of a Restore New York grant to support work at the West Valley Inn, and those funds were used to stabilize the building and protect it from further deterioration; and

WHEREAS, following that stabilization work, the previous owner of the West Valley Inn passed away, and the anticipated redevelopment of the property was not completed; and

WHEREAS, the current owners and project representatives of the West Valley Inn intend to submit an application for funding through New York State consolidated funding programs offered through the Regional Economic Development Council Initiative to support the rehabilitation, restoration, and productive reuse of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ashford currently has no restaurants or similar public gathering places where residents, visitors, families, community organizations, and local officials can meet, congregate, and share a meal; and

WHEREAS, the successful redevelopment and reopening of the West Valley Inn would provide a much-needed restaurant and community gathering place, create opportunities for economic activity and employment, support tourism and local businesses, and encourage additional private investment within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that the rehabilitation and productive reuse of the West Valley Inn would be transformative for the Town of Ashford by restoring a prominent historic building and creating a central destination for dining, social interaction, community events, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, improvements to the West Valley Inn would build upon the public investment already made to stabilize the structure, preserve an important local property, strengthen the economic and visual character of the Town, and prevent the loss of the building through continued vacancy or deterioration; and

WHEREAS, New York State consolidated funding programs may require each municipality in which a proposed program or project will operate to adopt a formal resolution supporting the application; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Ashford supports a project such as this that is consistent with the Town's goals for economic development, historic preservation, property improvement, community revitalization, tourism, and the creation of public gathering opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ashford hereby expresses its full support for the application involving the West Valley Inn for funding through New York State consolidated funding programs offered through the Regional Economic Development Council Initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board supports the proposed rehabilitation, restoration, and redevelopment of the West Valley Inn and recognizes the significant and

potentially transformative public benefits of the project to the residents, businesses, and visitors of the Town of Ashford; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board recognizes that the proposed project would build upon the Town's prior investment in stabilizing the building and provide an opportunity to complete the restoration and productive reuse of this important property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is authorized to sign any municipal support letter, certification, or other documentation reasonably required in connection with the application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution, bearing the official municipal seal, for inclusion with the funding application.

On motion of Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, the foregoing resolution was:

ADOPTED

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

Abstained: _____

Dated: _____, 2026

John Pfeffer, Town Supervisor

Town Clerk

SEAL

I, _____, Town Clerk of the Town of Ashford, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Ashford at a meeting held on _____, 2026.

Town Clerk

L. CORRESPONDENCE/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ INFORMATION

1.

M. PUBLIC EXPRESSION

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

O. ADJOURNMENT