

PUBLIC HEARING  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012

The Public Hearing was called to order by First Selectman, Ralph Fletcher on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in accordance with the foregoing warning at 7:30 p.m.

Following the Public Hearing the Special Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectmen Fletcher.

**Item 1.** Susan Eastman motioned to nominate Ralph Fletcher moderator second by Cathryn Silver-Smith. Wm. Kerensky motioned to close nominations.

**Item 2.** William Falletti motion to accept the proposed amendment to the ordinance adopted at a special Town Meeting on June 6, 2006 addressing terms of appointment to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Motion was second by Michael Zambo to amend the terms of appointment as follows:

“...There shall be an Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission consisting of seven (7) members and two (2) alternate members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Four (4) members will be appointed to serve to June 2007, three (3) members will be appointed to serve to June 2009. Two alternate members will be appointed to serve until June 2007 and June 2009, respectively.” **Thereafter, the term of each office will be for a period of four (4) years.** “Any vacancy in the Commission will be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the remainder of the term of the vacated position.” Motion passed by voice vote.

**Item 3.** William Falletti motioned to discontinue the .10 miles of Yale Road from the Union town line to a previously discontinued portion of Hillside Road, as voted by the board of Selectmen and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was second by Charlene Armitage. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Item 4.** William Falletti motioned to accept the proposed ordinance authorizing a tax exemption for personal property leased to the Town of Ashford and the Ashford School. Motion second by Michael Zambo. William Becker motioned to amend the ordinance to read *all personal property tax be exempt*. There was no second. By voice vote the following ordinance passed.

**Town of Ashford Ordinance Authorizing Tax Exemption  
For Personal Property Leased to the Town**

WHEREAS, THE Town of Ashford is a non-profit organization exempt from taxation for federal income tax purposes; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes section 12-81(58) authorizes the Town to enact an ordinance exempting from taxation any personal property leased to a non-profit organization which is exempt from taxation for federal income tax purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to limit expenditures on its leased equipment by exempting taxes on said equipment to reduce lease payments the Town must make.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby ordained by the voters of the Town of Ashford that:

Pursuant to the authority of Connecticut General Statutes section 12-81(58), any personal property leased to the Town of Ashford, including the Ashford Public School, shall be exempt from taxation, provided that such personal property is used exclusively for the purposes of the Town of Ashford, and is not otherwise exempt from taxation per Connecticut General Statutes section 12-81.

Per Connecticut General Statutes section 7-157(a), this Ordinance shall become effective following approval by the Town Meeting, fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper having substantial circulation in the Town of Ashford.

**Item 5.** Cathryn Silver-Smith moved to nominated Glenn Nemeroff second by Charles Funk. Evelyn Pfalzgraf nominated Carl Pfalzgraf second by Linda Falletti. Wm. Falletti moved to close nominations. Paper ballots were used for voting to fill a Board of Finance alternate vacancy until the municipal election to be held Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Glenn Nemeroff received 20 votes. Carl Pfalzgraf received 18 votes. The moderator declared Nemeroff as the B.O.F. alternate.

Wm. Falletti moved adjournment.

*Barbara B. Metzack*