

Town of Ashford

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REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012, 7:00 P.M. ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Members present: Fletcher, Falletti, Zambo
Guests: Joan Bowley, Linda Gagne, Felix Giordano
3. Hear from the Public: Mrs. Bowley distributed copies of a memorandum raising questions about the executive session and subsequent appointment of a Treasurer at the BOS 2/16/2012 meeting. A copy of Mrs. Bowley's memo is attached to these minutes.
4. First Selectman's briefing: attached
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
6. Zambo moved acceptance of minutes of 2/6/12 as presented. Falletti seconded the motion which passed. Falletti moved acceptance of the minutes of 2/16/2012 amended to reflect that Treasurer candidate Bowen invited Christine Abikoff and Linda Falletti to remain during the executive session review of her proposal relating to the Ashford Treasurer position. Zambo seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
 - a. Senior Center ad hoc committee recommendations: Falletti moved that the BOS schedule a special meeting on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. to consider candidates for the Senior Center Advisory Board formation of which was recommended in the final report of the Senior Center ad hoc Committee. Zambo seconded the motion which passed.
 - b. Non-union contract process
 - c. 2012-2013 budget: The General Government budget bottom line has been revised to reflect an omission in the preliminary submission. The correct bottom line figure for the general government budget is \$2,939,857. The BOF has been advised of this revision.
8. New Business
 - a. Committee/Commission appointments
 - i. Economic Development – 3 regular members, 1 alternate member
 - ii. Board of Assessment Appeals – 1 alternate member
 - iii. Conservation Commission – two alternate members
 - b. Tax refunds: Zambo moved approval of a tax refund in the amount of \$3,018.24 to Patrick and Tracy Desrocher citing CGS 12-129. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
 - c. Request for subordination of housing rehab lien: Dalletti moved approval of a housing rehabilitation subordination agreement relating to project #2003-06 as

recommended by Administrator, Peter Huckins. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.

9. Remarks for the good of the Board

10. Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Briefing 3-5-12

Item A: Wind Energy Project: I've asked Rep. Hurlburt to coordinate a meeting between Sen. Guglielmo, DEEP, the land owner and the Selectmen to discuss the feasibility of a land swap between Ashford Realty Trust LLC and DEEP for the ongoing discussion of a wind turbine project on the north side of Ashford Motel Rd.

Item B: U. S. Pure Energy has extended their purchase agreement to include the 2nd Harrison lot on Motel Rd. Note: Court case involving the town has been withdrawn. HB 5302 has passed the House and Senate. This would return some authority to P&Z.

Item C: I met with BOF chair, BOE chairman and school superintendent on 2/27. Discussion revolved around increase to BOE budget. No documentation was presented. The consensus was to bring a BOE approved budget to the BOF.

Item D: Ashford BOE will present their budget to the BOF on 3/8/2012 at 7 pm.

Item E: Attorney Antoinette Webster and John Filchak are working with P&Z about proposed regulation changes.

Item F: Governor Malloy will be in Willimantic promoting his education reform bill on 3/14/12. The time and place to be announced. If passed in its present form will have serious implications for Ashford.

Item G: Members of the friends of the library approached me about a shed similar to the Garden Club shed on the east side of Knowlton Hall to store books for the sales. Falletti suggested a memorandum of understanding between the Town and the Friends of the Library regarding maintenance of the storage shed.

Item H: The BOS need to fill a vacancy on the panel of alternates to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Letters of interest have been received from Robert Sampson and Luther Brauch. My suggestion is to invite both parties to the next BOS meeting.

Item I: We are in the process of finalizing the federal transportation 5301 grant application. If received, this grant will give the town \$30,000 toward a replacement for the senior bus.

