

Town of Ashford

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REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014, 7:00 P.M. ASHFORD TOWN OFFICES MINUTES

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Members present: Zambo, Falletti, Fletcher
Guests: Linda Gagne, Jim Reviczky
3. Hear from the public: No members of the public wishing to be heard at this time
4. First Selectman's Briefing: Attached with the addition of notification that the Wilson unemployment appeal filed by the Town has been denied.
5. Hear from Boards, Commissions, Committees
 - Linda Gagne reported Amy Walker is proving to be a great asset in the tax office during this collection season.
 - Ms. Gagne requested an evaluation of her work, performed in executive session, at the next meeting of the BOS (Tuesday, January 21, 2014)
6. Fletcher moved acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of 12/16/2013. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
7. Old Business
 - 300th Anniversary Committee report: Falletti reported that the next meeting of the 300th Anniversary Committee will be held on Tuesday, January 21 at 6 p.m. Medal contest winners will be presented with commemorative coin sets. Falletti requested a meeting with a CSP representative, Ashford's Emergency Management Director, a Ashford Volunteer Fire Department representative and Kay Warren representing the parade subcommittee, regarding the proposed parade route.
8. New Business
 - a. Committee/Commission appointments
 - o Eastern Highlands Health District Alternate
 - b. PHP gazebo repair estimates
 - c. Report of the Sexton: Recently appointed Sexton, Jim Reviczky presented the BOS with a report recapping things that were accomplished under past-Sexton Leon Gardner and outlining some of the things that he would like to accomplish. Reviczky's report is attached as a part of the minutes. There was a brief discussion concerning a proposal received from Susan Bowley relating to Babcock Cemetery.
 - d. Building cleaning and maintenance: The consensus of the BOS was to add a part-time custodian/janitor to the 2014-2015 DPW budget request.
 - e. Tax refunds: None

- f. 2014-2015 budget
 - i. 5-year capital improvement plan draft: Zambo will present for review to the Capital Improvement Committee at their meeting of 1/8/2014.
 - ii. Selectmen's budget – The consensus of the BOS was to add the following line items to the Selectmen's Budget: Ashford Citizen, \$12,000 (as both expenditure and revenue) and Part-time Clerk (floating).
 - g. Falletti moved addition to the agenda of "item g. reappointment of Town Clerk." Fletcher seconded the motion which passed. Falletti moved the reappointment of Sherri Mutch to the position of Town Clerk with a term to expire 1/1/2018. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed.
 - h. Fletcher moved addition to the agenda of submission of a letter of intent to apply for a \$15,000 matching grant from the CT-Trust for Historic Preservation targeting maintenance and repair of the Tremko House. Falletti seconded the motion which passed.
 - i. Falletti moved addition to the agenda and approval of a request received via the Housing Rehabilitation Program for subordination of two liens against Project 2005-04/PI 2012-04. Fletcher seconded the motion to add and approved. The motion passed.
 - j. Falletti moved addition to the agenda of discussion regarding inclement weather closing of the Senior Center. Fletcher seconded the motion which passed. The BOS discussed the origin of the policy of closing of the Center when the Ashford School is closed. Responsibility for parking lot and sidewalk clearing of snow.
9. Remarks for the good
- a. Reminder – Region 19 budget information sharing meeting, Wednesday, 1/15 @ 7 pm
10. Adjournment at 8:08 p.m.

Briefing 01-06-14

Item A: Jessica at Senior Housing reports that \$10,000 pilot money will be paid to the town this year.

Item B: Nott Park on rte. 74 has been deeded to the town from the state.

Item C: AFSCME has no issues with the position change at DPW if we decide to make the change.{Position would be posted for 5 days}

Item D: Preliminary estimate to print and mail a town wide newspaper is \$1000 each issue.[Partially offset by ad revenue]

Item E: 5 Year Capital Improvement committe will meet on 06-08 and should be finished .

Item F: Emergency Management would like a desk and filing cabinet in rm.301.[Shared with our Historian]

Item G: Appeal again denied by the Labor Dept and Adam Wilson will receive workmans compensation[RECEIVED TODAY]

